

DSSO NEWSLETTER

November 2008

Telecommunications Device Access Program Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on December 1 in the Small Hearing Room. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Public Utility Building in Salem, Oregon. For more info, contact TDAP at puc.tdap@state.or.us, 1-800-648-3458 TTY or 1-800-848-4442 voice.

Community and Internet notes The 'Extra Mile' Award

At the recent Options for Success conference (October 21 and 22) in Medford, DSAC (Disability Service Advisory Committee) gave the 'Extra Mile' award to Roquel Wilson "for her tireless advocacy efforts throughout the Rogue Valley."

Randy Samuelson, Executive Director for HASL (Handicap Awareness and Support League), said, "I must say that I have known and worked with Roquel for many years and she definitely deserves this award! She is an amazing person.

This award is not given out lightly but Roquel needed to be recognized for her work."

DSAC is a part of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG).

There is a new website for the deaf people - www.deafmd.org (DeafMD). This website provides information on health issues, directory of doctors and medical offices that are deaf friendly and medical tests.

The website is done in American Sign Language (ASL). Bill Drobkiewicz personally checked out this website and recommends this website because it is clear and good for the deaf community. Please check the enclosed flyer.

The next DSSO meeting is on November 8th. Please come to this meeting as we will be nominating persons for President and Treasurer. Currently, Dennis Ross is serving as President and Lynda Babbitt is Treasurer.

Again, the November 8th meeting is for nominations for President and Treasurer. The elections will be held at the December 13th meeting.

The meeting is at 5 p.m. at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center, on Holly Street in Medford. Afterwards, people can socialize, play free games and have fun.

There will be a Christmas Party on December 13th, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center.

This event has a lot of chairpersons - Tami Carreon, Janice VanDomelen, Dean Darling, Dennis Ross and Missy VanDomelen. For more information, you can contact any of them.

Santa will be there at the Christmas Party. There will be a potluck as well.

The DSSO New Years Eve Party is on December 31st at the Rogue Regency Inn. There is a flyer in this issue.

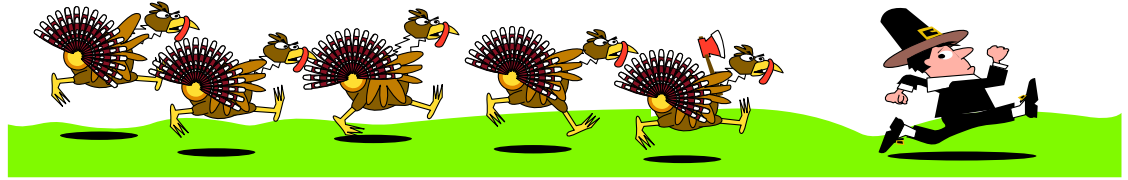
The party starts at 6 p.m. and will end at 1 p.m. There will be raffle and games along with music and dance.

This event is only \$25 per person and will cover everything. There will be no free entry at all.

Everybody is welcome. These ongoing activities are open to all members of the deaf/hard-of-hearing/
hearing impaired community including interpreters, students, teachers, family and friends.

<p><u>DEAF COFFEE and CHAT</u></p> <p>Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks Coffee Company 1600 North Riverside Suite 2072 Medford OR 97501 Hosted by Janice VanDomelen jicvand@charter.net</p> <p>Every 3rd Saturday 5:30 p.m. to close November 15, 2008</p>	<p><u>Deaf Pizza - Medford</u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 1080 South Riverside (Highway 99 South and Barnett Road) Hosted by Jennifer Knight prettylady1971@hotmail.com (mention deaf pizza on subject line),</p> <p>Rosie Fiorentino snugglebabe02@msn.com</p> <p>and Janice VanDomelen</p> <p>Every 4th Saturday 5 p.m. to close November 29, 2008</p>
<p>THIS SPACE LEFT BLANK</p>	<p><u>Deaf Pizza - Grants Pass</u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 205 N.E. Beacon Drive, Grants Pass OR 97526 Hosted by Janice VanDomelen, Jennifer Knight and Rosie Fiorentino</p> <p>Every 2nd Friday 5 p.m. to close November 14, 2008</p> <p>Quick Directions: On I-5, Exit 55 to Grants Pass Parkway (Highway 199) From North - turn right onto the Park- way From South - turn left onto the Parkway Abby's is on left near Fred Meyers</p>

DSSO Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner



November 22, Saturday

Entry 5 p.m.
Dinner starts at 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center
228 Holly Street, Medford OR – **park behind the Center on Grape, please**

DSSO will provide turkey, ham and bread/rolls
DSSO will also provide soda pop and water

50/50 raffle – cash prizes only

Come to our annual potluck dinner for fun, food, socialization and old friends
Please bring a side dish or dessert (or both!) enough for 10 to 20 people

This event is chaired by Bill Drobkiewicz, Dennis Ross and Janice VanDomelen

For more information, contact Bill Drobkiewicz at drobkiewicz@gmail.com; Dennis Ross at 541-664-5765 (VP) or dlr1967@tmail.com; Janice VanDomelen at jicvand@charter.net



New Years Eve Party

Rogue Regency Inn

6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

\$25 per person

Raffle, games, no-host bar (hotel bar included), appetizers, fun
Music and dance, too!



Send cash or money orders (NO CHECKS) to:

DSSO New Years Eve

c/o Bill Drobkiewicz

2432 Fox Run

Medford OR

97504-6358

\$25 per person by mail or at door. No free entry.

Bill Drobkiewicz and Dennis Ross,

event co-chairs

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Website Offers Health Education in American Sign Language

Westminster, MD [September 26, 2008] – People who are Deaf and hard of hearing now have a place to learn more about various health topics in their native language of American Sign Language (ASL). www.DeafMD.org was launched today with the purpose of providing health education in ASL to promote the overall wellness of this vastly underserved population. “Our mission is to provide clear and concise health information in ASL to promote the overall wellness of the Deaf and hard of hearing community,” said Casey Davis, DeafMD.org founder.

Recognizing the need of a unbiased, online health resource that Deaf and hard of hearing people could turn to when they had medical questions, DeafMD.org worked in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes for Health to provide this crucial information. The information was evaluated by a team of linguists, medical professionals, and educators, and then translated into ASL.

Visitors to DeafMD.org can search an online list of diseases, illnesses, medical tests, and current news events, with each page providing a clear, easy to understand video translation of the selected topic. Additionally, DeafMD.org is compiling a list of “Deaf-friendly doctors” – medical professionals who meet criteria in satisfactorily serving Deaf and hard of hearing people. To be included on this list, medical providers must be deaf or sign ASL fluently, at least one member of the provider’s staff must be deaf or be fluent in ASL, the provider’s office must use video relay services for phone calls, and hire qualified interpreters for office visits as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Specialties include mental health providers, physical therapists, and primary care physicians, along with many others.

Another feature of this innovative website is an e-newsletter, which allows registered individuals to receive e-mail updates when new information is posted onto the site. There is no charge to use DeafMD.org, although the site is dependent upon donations to keep it running. “We would not want to hinder access to this vital information simply because someone cannot afford to pay for it. We hope to benefit the entire Deaf population, regardless of socioeconomic status,” said Davis.

DeafMD.org will also be shown live at DeafNation expos in San Francisco and New York this fall, and will tentatively participate in the 2009 DeafNation tour of 14 cities across the United States. For more, check www.DeafMD.org, or e-mail contactus@deafmd.org.

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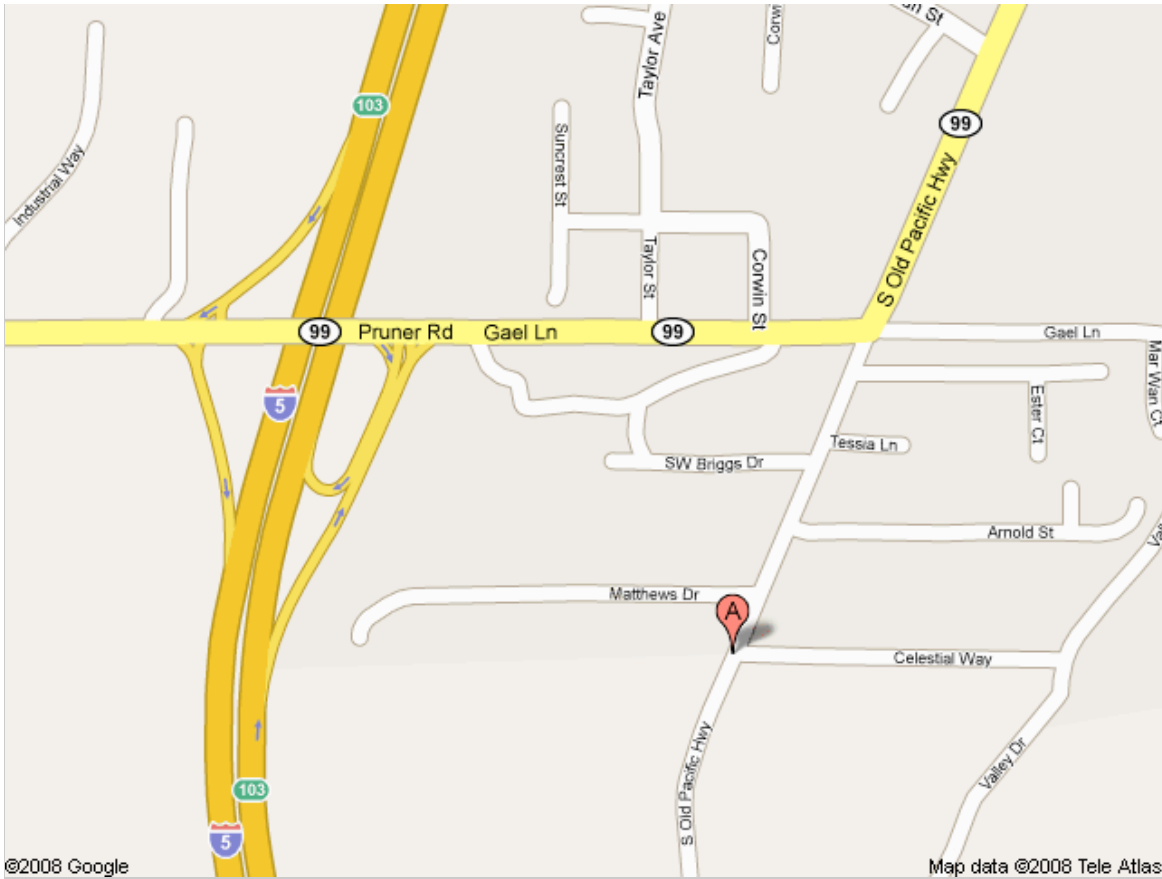


Results 1-1 of about 3 for Nickel Bowl, near Tri City, Canyonville, OR

Notes Nov.1; 1 p.m. -Exit 103, off I5, near Celestial Way

A. Nickel Bowl

670 S Old Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek, OR - (541) 863-3438



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Wind or set your clocks one hour back - "Fall Back"						1 SOBAD at 1 p.m. - Myrtle Creek
2 Daylight Saving Time ends	3	4 Election Day - last day to drop off ballots	5	6	7	8 DSSO Meeting - nominations today!
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Grants Pass Deaf Pizza	15 DCC
16	17	18	19	20 First Deadline	21	22 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner!
23 Final Deadline	24 DSSO Newsletter out	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29 Medford Deaf Pizza
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