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## Weather

### Spring showers

A showery day is in store for Tuesday, but look for a drying trend later in the week. See Page 2A.



**Overnight low** 41  
**Tuesday's high** 62

## What's inside



### Promising help

President Barack Obama came face to face with the legions of homeless in Joplin, Mo., Sunday, consoling the community as it remembered the more than 130 people killed last week in a storm.

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### Deep run



The North Valley High baseball team advanced to the Class 4A state semifinals after defeating Elmira on Saturday.

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### Another world

You want isolation? You've got it in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness area. There are only two structures standing: a cabin and pit toilet on the Little Chetco River.

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### Weekend video

See video of the Boatnik festivities as well as the North Valley High baseball team's victory in the state quarterfinals at ...

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## A look ahead



### When snacks attract

When you get a snack attack, try reaching for a healthier alternative instead.

TUESDAY

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# Library jeopardized by fundraising shortfall

By Stacy D. Stumbo  
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A fundraising shortfall is threatening operations at Josephine Community Libraries.

With only a week left in the nonprofit organization's spring membership campaign, JCL still needs to raise \$11,000 to achieve the level of last year's fundraising drive and maintain current programs and services. JCL receives no funding from the county and operates entirely on individual and family memberships, local business sponsorships and grants.

"We're not really making enough

money and I'm really hoping that people in the community will step up and keep our libraries open," said Kate Lasky, JCL executive director.

The nonprofit organization formed in 2007, after the county government closed its libraries in Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Williams and Wolf Creek, citing financial reasons. After extensive fundraising and generating public support, JCL volunteers managed to reopen all the branches by the end of 2009.

Serving 82,000 residents, JCL libraries



LASKY

Lasky said library operations cannot continue without significant, ongoing support from the community.

are free and open to the public as is required by the Oregon State Library System. JCL circulates an average of 25,000 items — books, CDs, magazines and more — a month. Currently, 13,000 cardholders enjoy a variety of services, including free borrowing of eBooks online. Officials estimate that more than 1,000 children will participate in the 2011 Summer Reading Program.

Since the Grants Pass Library reopened, JCL has run a deficit of \$170,000, dipping into its reserves to keep libraries open. The organization's reserve fund is largely from a one-time \$300,000 grant from Josephine County, awarded in December 2008.

To become a JCL member, send a tax-deductible donation to Josephine Community Libraries, P.O. Box 1684, Grants Pass, OR 97528; or donate by using PayPal on the JCL website at www.josephinelibrary.org.

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## Lean two

Gary Stevenson, driving boat 101 got off to a rocky start and a slight twist in the drag boat exhibition Saturday. After a full weekend of Boatnik activities, the festival reaches its zenith today with the Tom Rice Memorial Whitewater Hydroplane Race starting in Riverside Park at 1 p.m. For details on the boat races, see Sports, Page 7A. A full page of photos from the weekend appears on Page 6A today. For video and a photo gallery of the Boatnik festival, visit thedailycourier.com.

# Palin — on a Harley — works the D.C. crowd



Associated Press

Sarah Palin, former GOP vice presidential candidate and Alaska governor, rides on the back of a motorcycle at the Rolling Thunder annual motorcycle rally, past the U.S. Capitol Sunday in Washington.

By Philip Elliott  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sarah Palin rumbled through Washington on the back of a Harley as she and her family began an East Coast tour Sunday, renewing speculation that the former Alaska governor would join the still unsettled Republican presidential contest.

Wearing a black leather jacket and surrounded by a throng of cheering fans, Palin and family members jumped on bikes and joined thousands of other motorcyclists on the Memorial Day weekend ride from the Pentagon to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Palin didn't mention politics as she visited with participants, but she smiled broadly when many in the crowd urged her to run.

When one man asked her if she was running, she smiled and answered, "Don't know."

## She remains mum on White House bid

Palin remains one of the biggest questions for Republicans, who have not yet settled on a frontrunner to challenge President Barack Obama's re-election. While many of Palin's likely rivals have worked to build campaign organizations in early nominating states such as Iowa or New Hampshire, Palin has taken no concrete steps to begin a presidential campaign.

Given Palin's star power, she might be able to wait longer than others. But the clock is ticking, the establishment isn't happy with its options and one of the earliest tests of campaign infrastructure, the straw poll in Ames, Iowa, is scheduled for August.

Palin showed no hints she would join the field on Sunday

although she again demonstrated her ability to build excitement and practice the person-to-person, retail politics that she clearly loves. In heels and black flare slacks, Palin shook hands and posed for pictures with well-wishers.

"How do you wear all this leather and stay cool?" she asked one woman. Palin asked others to show off their tattoos as she took off her own leather jacket and worked her way through a crush of fans, photographers and reporters.

Just before Palin, husband Todd and daughters Bristol and Piper rolled from the Pentagon's parking lot, she gave a thumbs-up to a military police officer who asked if he could snap a picture while taking a break from directing traffic.

On the windshield of Palin's bike: a likeness of President George W. Bush. Next to it, the words "Miss Me?"

# Masons building safer world for kids

Trailer offers free ID package to help if child is ever missing

By Lindsay Cathey  
of the Daily Courier

Amid the cotton candy, carnival rides and Boatnik excitement, one community service group provided families with documents that could help in times of an emergency.

Members of the Grants Pass Masonic Lodge tried to get as many children as they could to visit the free child identification safety trailer, which has become a regular feature at the annual Boatnik celebration.

Naomi Lambert, of Roseburg, and her 6-year-old daughter, Emily, visited the trailer where they received a printout that included Emily's fingerprints, a photo, areas to fill in critical information, such as height and eye color, to have handy just in case Emily ever went missing.

"The school gives out ID cards, but I've never seen anything this fancy with thumb prints and room for a hair swatch," said Lambert, who



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Naomi Lambert checks out the Child ID form she filled out for her daughter, Emily, 6.

was at her very first Boatnik this weekend. "There are even smaller sections that I can hand out to family members."

As the weekend wore on, members of the lodge provided hundreds of parents with the printout of critical information.

"Heaven forbid that they ever have to use this, but it's important to have all of this information," said Scott Smith,

a member of the lodge. "Authorities can use it to hopefully get the child back fast."

Tom Miller, secretary at Grants Pass Masonic Lodge, said that since beginning the child ID program in 2006, the lodge has recorded the critical information and provided it to the parents of more than 6,500 children. After each child's information is gathered and the parent is given a printout,

all information obtained by the lodge is erased.

"People are sometimes really leary," Smith said, "but we don't keep any information ourselves. It gets cleared out of the system."

The lodge spent around \$2,250 for the computer program and recently spent another \$3,500 for a new child ID trailer, which houses the computer equipment and provides a place where the information can be gathered. It takes about a minute to process an ID sheet for a child.

"It costs the lodge about \$1 per kid," said Miller, adding that they provide the service to the community for free. "We encourage families to come out, even if they've already had it done. It's important to keep it updated and keep it current because children change quickly."

The Masonic Lodge's child ID trailer is available until 3 p.m. today near the gazebo in Riverside Park. It will be at other upcoming local events including the Frog O'Faire, a free children's arts and crafts festival, on June 18 at Riverside Park.

For more information, call 541-476-3357.

# Obama picks Dempsey for top military job

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama moved today to complete an overhaul of the national security apparatus, selecting Army Gen. Martin Dempsey as his new Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman amid a winding down of the war in Iraq, protracted battle in Afghanistan and American assistance to the NATO-led effort in Libya.



DEMPSEY

Obama announced a new lineup of his top military leadership group in the Rose Garden of the White House just before venturing across the Potomac to pay tribute to the nation's war dead at Arlington National Cemetery. There was no immediate indication what the moves might imply for possible changes in military policy.

Already, the president had turned, in April, to CIA Director Leon Panetta to succeed Robert Gates as secretary of defense and chose to move Army Gen. David Petraeus from his command of the Afghanistan war effort to the United States to replace Panetta at the CIA.