

ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

SATURDAY | December 15, 2007

AG says no

A6

W
EDITION

Etcetera

'No Country For Old Men'
offers stark reality of evil. B1

Vol. 132, Issue 154 www.dailytidings.com

Serving southern Jackson County since 1876

An edition of the Mail Tribune 50 cents

City Council gives high marks to trainer

Sessions are 'excellent'

By **Vickie Aldous**
Ashland Daily Tidings

Ashland City Councilors said training sessions to teach them how to work together more cooperatively and efficiently are paying off.

"They're excellent," said Councilor Kate Jackson of Dr. Rick Kirschner's sessions with council members.

"He's made a lot of his own time available to meet with pairs of us as we're ready. Each one of us is respon-

sible for knowing how to communicate better and hear each other out."

The City Council received widespread criticism from residents and drew national media attention after news broke in October that the city of Ashland would pay Kirschner \$37,000 for five months of group and individual training.

Kirschner is the co-author of several best-selling books about how to deal with difficult people. Trained



KIRSCHNER

as a naturopathic physician, Kirschner began offering workshops on practitioner/patient communication and eventually began training programs for corporate clients such as Heineken, NASA and Starbucks Coffee Company.

Jackson said she believes that the money spent to train councilors will end up saving money across city of Ashland operations. For one, she said, the city may be better able to recruit and retain city employees.

In the past several years, the city has seen turnover in such key posts

SEE **COUNCIL** ON PAGE **A7**

Relationships

People you can't stand

By **Vickie Aldous**
Ashland Daily Tidings

During the holiday season when family members are thrown together, meddling, criticizing, rebelling and bragging are as common as traffic, crowded

stores and long check-out lines.

But Ashland naturopath Dr. Rick Kirschner offers tips for handling relatives. Kirschner is the co-author, with Dr.

SEE **BOOK** ON PAGE **A7**

