

# Here, There & Everywhere

**\*VOLUME SALE** - A public sale of books and bakery items will be held at the county building in Downtown Cave Junction on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 to 3 by Friends of the Illinois Valley Library. Those who are members of the support group will be allowed to enter a pre-sale on Friday the 27th from 5 to 7 p.m. Memberships, available for \$5, can be obtained at the branch or preceding the sale.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the event. In addition, donations of books are being accepted at the branch. For more information, phone 592-3581 or 592-6976.

**\*DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS** - As part of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a candlelight vigil will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition Center at 535 E. River St. The event is sponsored by I.V. Safe House Alliance. Also at the center from Monday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 to 3, survivors of such violence will "create a T-shirt that tells the tale of violence in their lives." Other activities will be listed in next week's issue.

**\*HOMECOMING COMING** - Several events are planned for Homecoming 2002 by Illinois Valley High School from Monday, Sept. 30 through Saturday, Oct. 5: Monday, Sept. 30, 6-7 p.m., IVHS open house for students and parents; Tuesday, Oct. 1, girls soccer vs. North Valley at 4 p.m. on the Evergreen Elementary School field; girls volleyball on the 1st at 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. in Ken Mann Memorial Gym; Wednesday, Oct. 2, Power Puff football game at 5:30 p.m., with field night events at Jubilee Park running from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 3, girls soccer vs. Hidden Valley at Evergreen at 4 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 4, evening bon fire (weather permitting); and Saturday, Oct. 5, boys soccer vs. NV at 10 a.m. at Evergreen, with the football game at 1 p.m. vs. Rogue River.

**\*'MASKERADE' SHOW** - On Friday, Oct. 11, a group mask show, "Maskerade," will be held at "Bebe's ART for everyone" in Downtown Cave Junction. The show is open to artists of any medium, no matter their experience. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, Oct. 9. In addition, Bebe's will accept costumes on consignment for sale or rent. For more information phone "Rebecca" at 592-5343.

**\*WALK FOR YOUTH** - The second annual Walk for Youth to benefit the School-Based Health Center Program in Illinois Valley will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 2 on the Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS) track off Old Stage Road, said the I.V. School-Based Health Center Advisory Board. People of all ages can participate and walk for donations to the program. It is sponsored through a collaborative effort of the Josephine County Dept. of Health & Community Action (JCDHCA), the Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC), and Three Rivers School District.

"Our community is fortunate to have two of the 46 school-based health centers in the state, and the only two in the county," said Linda Stohlman, registered nurse. "The I.V. High School (IVHS) Student Health Center is operated through JCDHCA. The LBMS center is operated through SCHC. All school-age children in the valley, whether they're home-schooled or in private school, can use either of the centers. Both require parental consent."

The advisory board represents both school-based health centers. Proceeds from the event will be used by the board to help students and their families purchase medications or lab tests that they might not otherwise be able to obtain. Funds also are used to help pay for presentations at schools.

Pledge sheets are available at LBMS and IVHS. For more information phone 592-3749.

**\*NOTEPAD** - Chief Kyle Kirchner wants to extend his appreciation to those who supported the I.V. Fire District's bond request to improve and upgrade stations. Although it failed, due to not having a 50 percent turnout, the chief said, "Watch for it again in the Nov. 5 election" ... **Pietro's Italian Restaurant** was honored during the county commission meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25 for its high score from the county health folks ... **A blood drive** under American Red Cross will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. at I.V. Senior Center on E. River Street. Donors must be healthy, at least 17, and weigh a minimum 110 pounds ... **Antiques and collectibles** will be featured on Friday through Sunday, Sept. 27-29 at the Medford Armory when Southern Oregon Antiques & Collectibles Club will present its 20th annual show. As part of admission, patrons can attend all three days by using free return passes. The show will include the Hall of Restoration, and the Timeless Elegance Fall Showcase by Juanita's Occasions.

**\*LAST WORDS** - Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country. (President John F. Kennedy)

# Letters to the Editor

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House of Representatives.

So, since the 17th was declared ratified in 1913, there has been no Senate to "give advice and consent to the President to appoint Judges to the Supreme Court, ... and make treaties ..." since 1914 (Art. II, Sec. 2, paragraph 2). Therefore, since 1914 there has been no lawful government nor are there any treaties made since then valid.

## Support library From Mike Mitchell Cave Junction

There are many issues and community concerns that vie for our attention on a regular basis, and I know that in my life I wish that I had the energy and time to dedicate to the myriad projects and concerns that I have.

One issue has always been pre-eminent in my thinking, which is that of the library. I have moved many times in my life, and the proximity and quality of what was to be my new library has been one of my primary concerns in choosing a place to live.

I have made it a practice to get to know the workings of the many libraries I have called "my library," and I have tried to help out in whatever way I could because I know that, although libraries in our nation are largely loved and patronized, there are always changing budget constraints and priorities that challenge many libraries in their efforts to maintain services.

I have visited magnificent, almost opulent libraries that enjoy loyal and generous support. I have also visited and used small town libraries that struggle with unreliable funding, and disorganized and wavering support from local residents.

The Illinois Valley Branch Library is, sadly, one of these libraries. I have never before in all of my moves and travels in our prosperous nation heard of a library system that has actually been forced to close its doors due to a lack of funding. I find the low prioritization of our library system to be appalling.

We, the voting population of Josephine County, need to remedy this error. We have the opportunity to do this by voting "yes" for the library local option tax on Nov. 5. Our library needs the community to take the time and effort to write letters to the editor, tell their friends, put up lawn signs, put a "libraries yes" sign in their cars, and most importantly, stay informed and send the message that we support our libraries by voting "yes" for the levy in record numbers.

To get involved in this effort, people can contact or visit the library, come to the county building during next weekend's book sale, or contact me.

# Employment picture improves in county

Josephine County's unemployment rate declined to 7.5 percent during August, from 8.5 percent during July, according to Oregon Employment Dept. (OED).

Total employment rose by 544 jobs, and the number of unemployed fell by 280. OED said that total employment last month was 27,297 vs. 26,753 during the preceding month.

By comparison, Jackson County's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent last month, while the rate was 7.0 during July, said OED.

During the past year so far, total employment decreased by approximately 100 jobs. However, said OED, the unemployment rate was reduced due to a decrease in the number of unemployed (-276) and a decrease in the civilian labor force (-371).

Non-farm payroll employment increased by 160 jobs

during August, but is 220 below the year-before figure. Manufacturing was little changed during the past month. Logging and sawmills, and plywood and other wood products categories each added 10 jobs.

There was a slight decrease in "other" non-durable goods. These are goods designed to last three years or less, and not including food products.

During the year, every manufacturing published sector has had shrinking payrolls. Losses were greatest in lumber and wood products (-70). Other durable goods (-20) and non-durable goods (-30) also had through-the-year declines.

Non-manufacturing, said OED has fared better during the past month and year. Gains during August were widespread across many industries in Josephine County.

Retail trade posted the largest through-the-month gain, while eating-and-drinking places added 30 jobs; and other retail trade increased by 40.

Services employment was unchanged during the month, but has declined by 120 through the year. A gain of 80 jobs in health services was offset by losses of more than 200 during the year in "other" services.

Sectors with declines during the past 12 months include hotels and other lodging places, business services, and private education/social services. Government employment rose by 40 during the month.

	Unemployment Rates		
	Aug 2002	July 2002	Aug 2001
Josephine County	7.5	8.5	8.3
Jackson County	6.1	7.0	5.9
Oregon ("raw")	6.6	7.1	6.2
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.3	6.7
United States ("raw")	5.7	6.0	4.9
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.9	4.9

# Lovejoy offers grief education classes

A free grief education class is offered on Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the library of the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St., by Barb Knox, bereavement coordinator for

Lovejoy Hospice. The class will begin on Oct. 2, and run through the holiday season. Anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one can attend. The class will cover many

topics including understanding the grief process, and depression and anxiety following the death of a loved one. For further information or to register for the class, phone (888) 758-8569.

# OSP reduction list rescinded

Oregon State Police Superintendent Ronald Ruecker announced that layoff notices to 160 employees are being rescinded.

The action taken by the fifth special session of the Oregon Legislature had balanced the agency's budget by reducing \$1 million instead of the \$8.8 million the agency had been facing.

"We are pleased not only for our dedicated men and women but also for the people we serve," said Ruecker.

The layoff included 131 troopers with three years or less service.

# Clubs

## Forestry Action

The Forestry Action Committee will be a meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3 at the lower compound of the forest service's Illinois Valley Ranger District, 26568 Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction. Anyone can attend. For more information phone 592-4098.

To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves. -Will Durant-

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# 199 Flea Market & Swap Meet

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(Next to Club 199 & I.V. Golf Course)  
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