

Here, There & Everywhere

***TURKEY TIME** - A free Thanksgiving meal for all comers will be served in the Jubilee Park pavilion on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. The annual event is sponsored by Cave Junction Cares (CJC), an organization of private individuals and businesses. Together, they provide the labor, food and fixings "for all persons in Illinois Valley who do not have others with whom to share their thankfulness on this day," said CJC. "There will be plenty of good, hot food and a warm eating area," noted a spokesman. The community effort always can use volunteers or donations. Phone Lynn Boucher at 592-3594 or 592-6855.

***AUCTION ACTION** - A super-duper fund-raising auction for the I.V. Chamber of Commerce has been set for Jan. 10. The event had been planned for Nov. 22, but because of complications was postponed. The Jan. 10 program at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. will include a mixer, and lots of "good stuff" on the block. Jim Frick, of Century 21 Harris & Taylor, will be auctioneer; and Anna Swett, of Anna's Attic, will lead the clerking contingent.

***TRACTOR FACTOR** - Illinois Valley's Jack Heald, "tractor expert extraordinaire," will teach "Tractors 101," an introductory level class about tractors on Thursday, Dec. 12. The class, sponsored by Oregon State University Extension, will run from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Extension Auditorium in Grants Pass. Heald, who runs Fordson Home Hostel in rural Cave Junction, has more than 25 years experience with tractors, and owns more than 20. He is national director of the Fordson Tractor Club, which he began in 1976. Heald also helped found the Pottsville Antique Engine & Tractor Show near Grants Pass, and has written books and articles about tractors. The class will include history of tractors, and advantages and disadvantages of various brands. To sign up, phone (541) 476-6613.

***TRANSIT TROPHY** - The Josephine County Community Transit Program (JCT) has been recognized for excellence by Salem-based Oregon Housing and Community Services. The county program received a "Providing Special Services for Families" award. It is noted that JCT "has established a dependable public transportation system for residents. It employs approximately 13 persons and has 18 volunteer drivers. The program operates a fleet of 12 vehicles, each with a capacity of eight to 20 passengers." Some 34,000 rides are provided annually, with services including a Senior Shuttle, and Cave Junction to Grants Pass service.

***NOTEPAD - The 20th annual Toy Run** and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Fund-Raiser will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. The event, sponsored by I.V. Bikers, will be featured in an ad in next week's issue. It will involve events running from noon to midnight, and anyone can participate ... **Skidmark the Wonder Wiener** will mark his 5th birthday with an open house at Crossroads Animal Hospital & Pet Supply on Dec. 7. And Andy Mechling, of Timeless Photography, will offer photos of pets with Santa for a fee ... **Weight Watchers** is in Cave Junction. "Start 2003 on your way to better health," aid the group. Check the ad in this issue ... **Blood donations** will be taken in Grants Pass on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1 to 6 p.m., said American Red Cross. Also Thursday the 5th from noon to 5 at Newman United Methodist Church; and Friday the 6th from noon to 5 at River Valley Community Church, all in Grants Pass ... **Classified ads to avoid:** "Illiterate? Write today for free help" "Auto repair service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once; you'll never go anywhere again." "Our experienced mom will care for your child. Fenced yards, meals and smacks provided." "Dog for sale. Eats anything and is fond of children." "Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating." "Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home too." "Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it." "For rent: 6-room hated apartment." "Used cars. Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first." "Christmas tag sale. Handmade gifts for the hard-to-find person."

***FINAL PHRASES** - +It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. (Charles Dickens)

+If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has his foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. (Desmond Tutu)

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IVCRT Insights

By RON PHILLIPS

It's that time again to renew or join Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT). Deadline for new and renewal memberships is Monday, Dec. 9. Forms are available at the CRT office across from the Cave Junction Post Office. Renewal forms, which were sent electronically and by mail, can be returned by mail, fax, or e-mail. New members must come by the CRT office.

Your membership must be current in order to vote for new board members. Nomination forms also are available at the CRT office. They must be submitted before the next business meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5. Once the nominations have been accepted, nominees will be asked to complete a brief bio-sheet. Information on the candidates will then be mailed to existing members and will be made available at the office.

The general meeting will be on Jan. 9 at Illinois Valley High School. Registration will be from 6 to 7 p.m. We will quickly get to the election by 7:20 after a brief welcome/introduction and presentation of the candidates. You will be free to leave after you vote, though a more detailed explanation of the past year's activities and future course will be presented.

To date, slightly more than 10-percent of existing members have renewed. Tradition has it that there is always a last-minute rush. Don't wait too long and lose the opportunity to elect the leadership of one of the valley's most important institutions.

Community Fire Education Public Session

The second public information session organized by the Fire Recovery Task Force is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2 at the county building in CJ. The topic is "Salvage Logging."

The first session included an informative presentation on the effects of fire on vegetation and animals by Evan Frost, a local fire ecologist. This was followed by presentations by the forest service on the history of this summers fires, the preliminary work being conducted under the Burned Area Evaluation Report, and the future, long-terms restoration work being planned, including the various options for salvage logging under consideration.

The committee planning the sessions decided that we should go straight to the most sensitive topic and discuss salvage logging next. This is the kind of topic that in the past has generated as much heat as the fires themselves. The intention of the task force is not to stir up things, but to make this an information session.

There are obviously different perspectives involved -- most notably of the timber industry, environmentalists, and the involved federal agencies. To present these perspectives, Rough & Ready Lumber Co., Siskiyou Regional Education Project, and the Illinois Valley Ranger District/U.S. Forest Service, have agreed to participate. The goal is to have each perspective presented so that the audience has the chance to hear all points of view.

You might not agree with a certain side, but -- given the importance of the issue to this community -- you should be willing to listen to and try to understand what every side thinks are the critical issues. The meeting format will be tight, and the facilitation intense to make this a safe place for all people to listen; ask questions in a neutral, non-confrontational manner -- -- and learn.

Charity begins at home, says AG, in recommending caution

Attorney General Hardy Myers has released his annual report profiling the 20 charitable organizations that generated the most inquiries to the Department of Justice during the year.

"Many Oregonians are operating under the assumption that the majority of their contributions fund charitable programs," Myers said. "This report serves as reminder that, particularly in cases where professional fund-raisers are involved, that is not always the case."

The report, "Charitable Giving: It Makes A Difference," is available on the department's web site at www.doj.state.or.us. The information included in the report was gleaned from tax returns filed with the department. Expenditures made during the course of the reporting period were selected as the figures that best represent organizational efficiency.

Five additional local charities also were profiled for comparison purposes.

This year's report includes three new categories of information: whether or not an organization meets the standards established by the Better Business Bureau; previous years (if any) in which an organization was profiled; and data regarding contracts with professional fund-raisers.

"As Oregonians struggle with today's troubled economy, the work of our state's charities is more important than ever," Myers said. "Donors should use any available information to maximize

the value of their charitable investment."

The Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Dept. of Justice, which maintains financial information on more than 11,000 charities, welcomes inquiries online at www.doj.state.or.us or by phone at (503) 229-5725 and "encourages Oregonians to give generously and wisely."



FAMILY MEDICINE OPEN HOUSE - Jim Nordal, M.D., had help with a congratulatory cake from his daughter, Kynan, 4, during an open house at Cave Junction Family Medicine on Thursday evening, Nov. 21. The new medical facility includes three treatment rooms and a procedure room, with additional space for expansion as needed. It's located at 114 W. Palmer St. behind Evergreen Federal, and new and transfer patient are being accepted. For more information phone 592-5059.

RCC offers self-help program

Winter term advising and enrollment are under way for Rogue Community College Discovery programs, designed to help people who want to return to school or work.

Nationally recognized, Discovery programs offer classes that help students develop skills and attitudes needed to be self-sufficient and successful, said RCC. Students explore careers that focus on living-wage jobs, and they learn to set and achieve

career and life goals, the college said.

Students in Josephine County enroll in Moving On, while those in Jackson County enroll in Bright Futures. Classes will start on Jan. 6. Help with child-care, transportation and tuition is possible.

For more information, phone Moving On in Grants Pass at (541) 956-7323, or Bright Futures in Medford at 245-7538. Or visit a program offices at an RCC campus.

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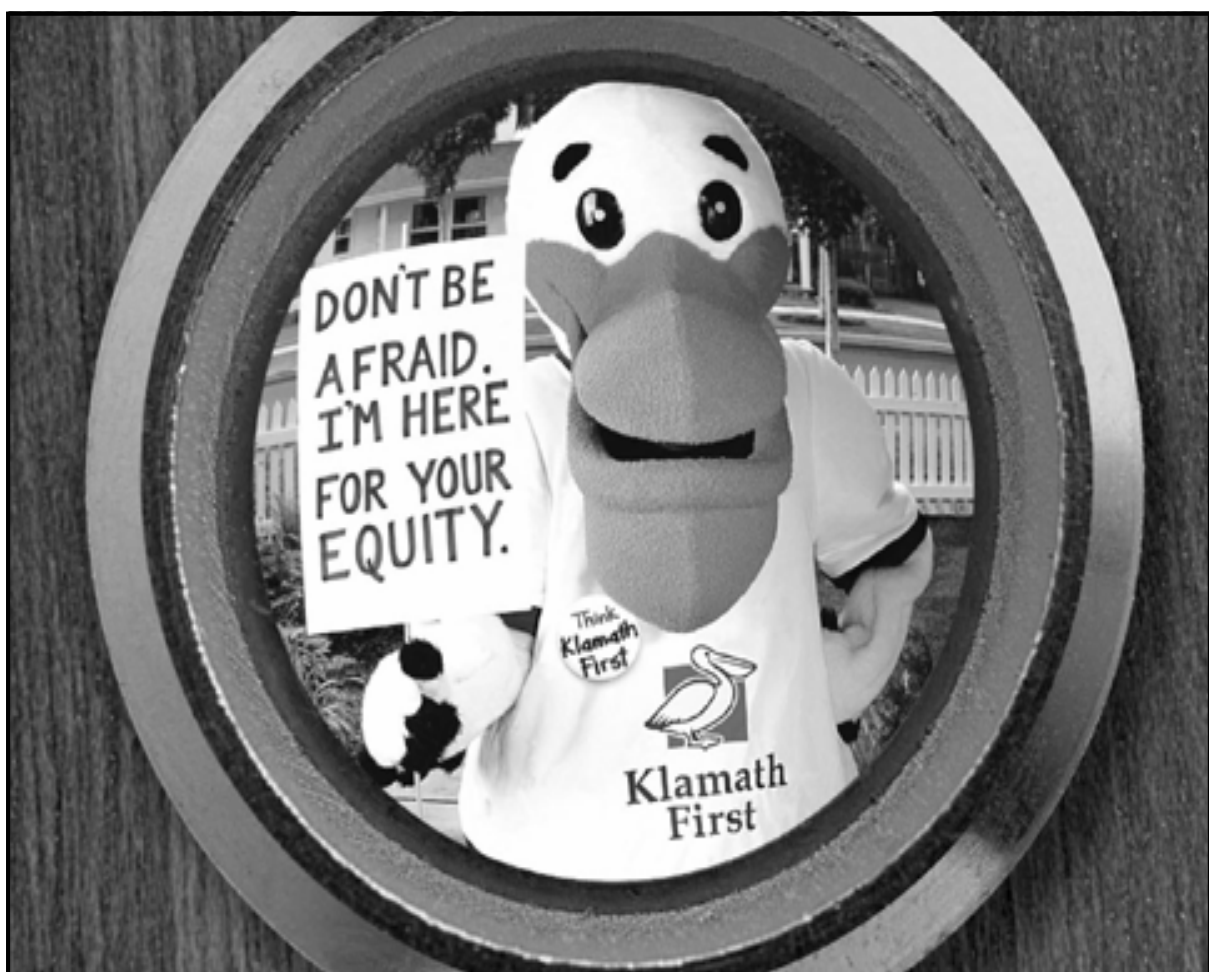
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