

Here, There & Everywhere

***BIKER TOYS/JOYS** - Through their annual holiday efforts, including the Toy Run on Dec. 7, members of I.V. Bikers raised \$6,800 to purchase toys for valley children. The toys will be given away by Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Illinois Valley Senior Center on E. River Street. There'll be a toy for each child, said I.V. Bikers, which was helped by many in the community.

***IVHS WINTER CONCERT** - A winter concert by the Illinois Valley High School Concert Choir and Concert Band will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at IVHS. The young musicians, led by T. Lund, appreciate the community's support, he said. "We hope that many will join us for an evening filled with music and fun," Lund said. Musicians at Lorna Byrne Middle School performed their winter concert on Dec. 12.

***HOLIDAY FOLLICLES** - For the fourth consecutive year, six stylists from Cutting Edge Hair Salon in Grants Pass cut and styled hair without charge for students at Evergreen Elementary School on Monday, Dec. 16. Owner Renee Fisher led the contingent, which took care of 65 students; providing services with an estimated retail value of \$1,200. Family advocates at Evergreen, Fran Fickes and Dolores Nolan, shampooed hair to prepare students. The program came about through the efforts of Principal Debbie Breckner, who knows one of the stylists, Gail Gronholm.

***NOTEPAD - A free Christmas dinner** will be served at Stevereno's Family Restaurant in Downtown CJ for all comers. It'll run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. Donations are needed and being accepted ... **Smoke alarms** are not being sold by members of the Illinois Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. Some in the valley have received calls about buying alarms, but it apparently is a misrepresentation, said Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer ... **A free child safety seat inspection clinic** will be held at Jim Sigel Automotive, 1601 N.E. 7th St. in Grants Pass on Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic will check to see if your infant, convertible or booster seat is installed correctly. They will also check to see if the seat is defective or has been recalled and make sure that the child is seated correctly and safely in the seat. The clinic is hosted by the Grants Pass Fire Dept. For more information phone (541) 474-6362 ... **Beyond Loss** is the title of a free Lovejoy Hospice grief support program. In CJ the program is held on Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the I.V. Senior Center on E. River Street. For more info phone (888) 758-8569

***LASTING WORDS** - +Success is never final and failure never fatal. It's courage that counts. (Anonymous)
+The respect of those you respect is worth more than the applause of the multitude. (Arnold H. Glasow)

Sno Park permits a must; or you might face a fine

As winter sets in, it's time to prepare for favorite winter activities.

Oregon's Sno-Park program helps by providing parking at approximately 100 winter recreation areas, or Sno-Parks, across the state.

There are Sno-Parks throughout Oregon's mountain passes and in most ski, snowmobile, and snow play areas.

One is the Page Mountain Sno-Park, approximately 18 miles south of Cave Junction.

These areas are posted with signs identifying them as a Winter Recreation Area.

Anyone who parks in a Sno-Park between Nov. 15 and April 30, needs a valid Sno-Park permit displayed on the windshield of their vehicle.

Oregon honors Sno-Park permits issued in Washington, California and Idaho and Oregon permits are honored in those states.

However, vehicles with Washington plates must have a Washington permit to park in a Sno-Park in Washington state. Parking in an Oregon Sno-Park without a permit may result in a \$30 fine.

The revenue collected from Sno-Park permit sales primarily pays the cost of plowing snow in the parking areas. A seasonal Sno-Park permit costs \$15, a three-day permit is \$7, and a daily permit is \$3.

Sno-Park permits are available at DMV offices and from permit agents at winter resorts, sporting goods stores, and other retail outlets. Agents are allowed to charge an additional service fee for each permit they sell.

A list of areas designated as Sno-Parks is available on the Internet at www.tripcheck.com then click on Winter Travel Info.

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buffer zones, setbacks, reserves, forest lock-ups, riparian areas, historic areas, wild & scenic rivers, newly found endangered species (Gentner fritillary and wolves) and threatened habitats (and I know I've missed several categories). Actually, we've let most of this happen with little more than a perfunctory fight, so I'll stop whining.

I applaud Rough & Ready Lumber for holding out as long as they have. They could have sold out or shut down years ago, but unlike so many other companies in this era, they felt a sense of loyalty to their employees and their families. They've supported just about every charity enterprise, philanthropic organization and school in this valley, including those whose philosophies were diametrically opposed.

Illinois Valley and Josephine County have just lost a multi-million dollar payroll. Do either the Siskiyou Project or the Illinois Valley Community Response Team have a replacement industry in mind?

Global water
From Deborah Schroeder
Cave Junction

It is clear that the Earth's water systems cannot sustain our demands upon it. More than 30 countries are facing water stress and scarcity, and more than one billion people lack adequate access to clean drinking water.

Science reveals that because of operational limits and pollution, the Earth's water system can support, at most, only one more doubling of demand, estimated to occur in less than 30 years. By 2025, as much as two-thirds of the world's population will be living with some serious condition of water shortage or in absolute water scarcity.

A recent report by the National Intelligence Council, a group that reports to the CIA, echoed this sentiment, finding that the main resource problem in 2015 will be water, and that the instability caused by shortages of water will increasingly affect the national security of the United States.

"Fortune" magazine notes that water will be to 21st century what oil was to the 20th. Who owns water and how much they are able to charge for it will be the question of the century.

The privatization of water is already a \$400 billion a year business globally, and a \$100 billion a year industry in the United States. That makes it a third larger than global pharmaceuticals. Multinational corporations hope to increase profits from water even further by using international trade and investment agreements to control the flow and supply of water.

The website of one Canadian firm, Global Water Corp., puts it best, "Water has moved from being an endless commodity to be taken for granted, to a rational necessity that may be taken by force."

Today, trade and investment agreements provide corporations with even greater access and rights to water systems in developed and developing countries. Also, corporations are using trade and investment agreements to gain ownership over the world's ever-dwindling water supplies so that they will become the suppliers of last resort.

In this winter time of abundant water, let us be thankful for the rain and the renewal of the Earth. Let's keep our water clean and be responsible for its use.

From the E-mail Bag

I've learned ... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned ... that when you've in love, it shows.

I've learned ... that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day ...

I've learned ... that I feel better about myself when I make others feel better about themselves ... that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world ...

... that what we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal ...

... that one sincere apology is worth more than all the roses money can buy ... that being kind is more important than being right ...

... that you should never say "No" to a gift from a child ... that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way ...

... that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with ...

... that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand ...

... that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult ...

... that life is like a roll of toilet tissue. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes ...

... that we should be glad that God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

... I've learned.

Love is a great wrecker of peace of mind.
- Susan Cheever -



GOOD WOOD - Delos 'Sonny' Ness of O'Brien presented Kerbyville Museum Board Member Sandy Hare a handmade, carved wooden bowl on Saturday, Dec. 7. The bowl, made by Ness, was carved out of wood taken from an approximately 85-year-old Carpathian Walnut tree on the museum grounds that had to be cut down as it became hazardous.
(Photo courtesy of Kerbyville Museum)

Santa is coming and he'll be bringing toys for all the girls and boys!!
Santa will be at the I.V. Senior Center
520 E. River St.
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With the help from the I.V. Bikers and the Illinois Valley Community, Santa will have a toy for every child.
Please don't forget this date
Santa will be waiting!

