

Here, There & Everywhere

HORSEPLAY - As a benefit for the equestrian team at Illinois Valley High School, an evening of bingo will be presented on Friday, Jan. 17 in the I.V. Grange Hall on Holland Loop. Early bird games will begin at 6:30; regular games at 7. Hamburgers, hot dogs and desserts will be available.

COMMISSION MISSION - One or more of the three Josephine County commissioners will be in the county building in Cave Junction for public input on Monday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. for approximately an hour. Citizens can visit informally with commissioners, ask questions and offer comments.

COMPASSION FASHION - Lovejoy Hospice will begin training for volunteer team members on Monday, Feb. 17. Topics will involve listening and communication skills, an understanding of end-of-life care and issues, history and philosophy of hospice, grief and bereavement, and spiritual aspects of end of life. "We are seeking compassionate people to provide respite, lend a hand, or simply visit clients," said Lovejoy. Volunteers might also help in the hospice office, or assist in its adult or children's bereavement programs. There will be seven classes between 9 a.m. and noon on Mondays and Wednesdays until March 10. For more information phone toll-free (888) 798-8569.

FIRE LOG - Medical responses prevailed during November, according to Illinois Valley Fire Protection District. The district during that month responded to 21 fire-related alarms, 11 motor vehicle accidents and rescue-related alarms, four miscellaneous calls, and 39 medical-related alarms. The latter represent 52 percent of November calls, in connection with American Medical Response.

NOTEPAD - Blood donations will be taken by American Red Cross on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. in I.V. Senior Center. Donors must be at least 17, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good health ... "Taylor" is the name given a minidachshund, the newest addition at Crossroads Animal Hospital & Pet Supply. Word is that Taylor's Sausage enjoys the handle given the "wiener" dog ... A defensive driving course will be presented in Illinois Valley Senior Center on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3-4 from noon to 4 p.m. Instructor is Elmer "Pat" Maness, and registration can be accomplished at the first class. There is a fee ... Illinois Valley Fire District is working on a web page, and for starters has a splash page. The address is www.ivfire.com ... T-shirt: Cats regard people as warm blooded furniture ... Another T-shirt: We have enough youth. How about a fountain of smart? ... One more T-shirt: Reality bites. And I've got the teeth marks to prove it.

LOST WORDS - Fifteen hundred years ago everyone knew the Earth was the center of the universe. Five hundred years ago everybody knew the Earth was flat; and 15 minutes ago you knew that people were alone on this planet. Can you imagine what you'll know tomorrow? ("K" to Officer Edwards/NYPD prior to joining "Men in Black.")

+The bridges you cross before you come to them are over rivers that aren't there. (Gene Brown)



FISH TALES - Millie greets customers with samples of different types of meat and cheese during the Fish Sale on Friday, Jan. 10 at Shop Smart Food Warehouse in Cave Junction. Shoppers were welcomed by employees dressed in 'gone fishin' attire.

West Coast states sink teeth into meaty subject

West Coast states consume more ground beef than nearly all other regions of the United States, according to a new report issued by the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA), which indicates some potential opportunities for locally raised beef.

Information from the report might be used to encourage increased processing of Oregon beef to satisfy the demand of Northwest consumers.

"We have noticed the past couple of years that Oregon has a great number of cattle but does not have a large number of beef processors," said Dalton Hobbs, administrator of ODA.

"That's one of the sectors of our agriculture industry where we would like to add value," Hobbs said.

ODA estimates the annual consumption of ground beef in the Pacific Northwest states of Oregon and Washington to be roughly 272 million pounds. That works out to an average per capita consumption of nearly 29 pounds in 2001.

Only the upper Midwest region - which includes the states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin consume more hamburger (18.2% of the nation's total) than the Pacific region of Oregon, Washington, and California (16.8% of the nation's total) said ODA.

Among the conclusions reached by the ODA study is that usage of ground beef is not decreasing in the Pacific Northwest, despite health and safety concerns that have been well publicized the past few years.

Hamburgers are still the number one sandwich choice for meals consumed outside the home.

Locally, large users of ground beef are holding

TOP MOVIES

1. Catch Me If You Can starring Leonardo DiCaprio Rated: PG-13
 2. The Lord Of The Rings Elijah Wood PG-13
 3. Gangs Of New York Leonardo DiCaprio R
 4. Maid In Manhattan Jennifer Lopez PG-13
 5. Two Weeks Notice Sandra Bullock PG-13
 6. Die Another Day Halle Berry PG-13
 7. The Wild Thornberrys Movie (Animated) PG
 8. Nicolas Nickleby Jamie Bell PG
 9. Antwone Fisher Denzel Washington PG-13
 10. The Hot Chick Rob Schneider PG-13
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steadily in terms of consumption. Portland public schools uses 125,000 pounds of ground beef each year - a number that has remained stable.

There are 516 individual outlets of major national burger chains in Oregon that also demand a major supply of beef. McDonalds, Burger King, and Dairy Queen are responsible for more than half of that demand.

ODA's study also indicates the amount of ground beef currently processed in Oregon and Washington doesn't come close to matching the amount consumed in the Pacific Northwest, suggesting that much of the beef is sourced outside the region.

The statistics spell opportunity for Oregon's second highest valued agricultural commodity.

Cattle and calves has a farmgate value of nearly \$408 million. But the ODA study confirms much of its potential value is untapped as the animals often leave the state when it comes to processing. At the same time, what processing does take place within Oregon often sources its beef from other areas.

"We have noticed there is a considerable amount of ground beef brought into the state by processors outside of Oregon, and processors within the state are grinding cuts of beef that are produced outside of Oregon," said Hobbs.

Armed with the latest study, ODA officials say the direction is clear.

"The study's implication is that there is an unmet demand for beef processing within the state of Oregon," said Hobbs.

"Ground beef consumption within Oregon itself is a trend that supports the need for additional processing facilities," said Hobbs.

Club News

By DOROTHY WILTFONG

The first meeting of the Illinois Valley Garden Club for 2003, will be on Friday, Jan. 17 in the Fellowship Hall of Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 Watkins St., Cave Junction.

The program will start at 1 p.m. with meeting to follow. Refreshments are available from 12:30 until the program begins. Also, during this time members and guests can look through items for sale on the plant/garden table.

The program will feature two of the most beautiful of the larger garden plants: peonies and roses, their selection, culture and care. There is a question as to whether the scheduled peony expert may be able to do this program as she is slated for jury duty. Lacking any other

knowledgeable person, the club's president, Dorothy Wiltfong, will present both peony and rose culture for the home garden, giving a selection of those plants that are best suited for this area (and available at local nurseries).

The board of directors held a meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 to discuss plans for the District Meeting on April 2 with Illinois Valley Garden Club as hosts for the seven clubs that make up the Siskiyou District of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. It is a huge responsibility for any club to host a district meeting, but we in Illinois Valley have a tradition to maintain and will do our best to live up to the reputation of fine food and gracious hospitality.

Table favors for the event will be constructed at Carol Combs starting Thursday, Jan 23.

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