

# Here, There & Everywhere

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION** - Detectives with the Josephine County Interagency Narcotics Team (JOINT) will give a presentation about the rise in clandestine methamphetamine labs in the community on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the county building, 102 S. Redwood Hwy. The presentation is designed to help residents recognize the signs of illegal labs, including the products used, odors and toxic residue.

**BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL** - A Blackberry Festival planning meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the county building.

**GRAD NIGHT** - A meeting to plan the IVHS 2003 Grad Night party will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 in the high school library. Fund-raising continues for donkey basketball, which will be held Sunday, March 9.

**CAVES CONVERSATION** - An informational meeting about volunteer and employment opportunities at Oregon Caves National Monument will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby. Oregon Caves staff will discuss some of the history of the National Park Service and the Volunteer-in-Parks program.

**JOCO COMMISSIONERS** - The Josephine County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. in the commissioners conference room of the county courthouse, 500 N.W. Sixth St., Grants Pass. The subject of the workshop will be waste collection, recycling, processing and treatment facilities in Josephine County.

**GOOD GRIEF** - Lovejoy Hospice is accepting registrations for its spring session of Good Grief, a program designed to provide children and their parents a safe place to talk about how their family is coping with the loss of a loved one. The program will be held from Monday, Feb. 24 through Monday, April 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. Phone Bereavement Coordinator Barbara Knox at 474-1193 to pre-register.

**LOCAL MONEY** - U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) has introduced legislation which would give more than \$3.5 million to the Northwest Assistance Fund, which provides grant funds to rural timber-dependent communities and to help leverage other federal, state and local funding for rural communities. The bill would also give more than \$1 million to the National Park Service to replace the headquarters building at the Oregon Caves.

**VALLEY SOIL AND WATER** - The I.V. Soil and Water Conservation District is raising money to provide scholarships for high school seniors furthering their education in conservation and agriculture. Those interested in helping, can become a tree-planting sponsor for between \$5 and \$100. A \$5 seedling will plant 20 trees. A \$10 sapling will plant 40 trees. A \$100 giant Redwood will plant 400 trees.

**BOB GILLIAM RECOVERING** - After collapsing at Lucky Seven Casino in Smith River, Calif. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, longtime Illinois Valley resident Bob Gilliam is recovering at Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City, Calif. Virginia, Gilliam's wife who retired from "Illinois Valley News" on Jan. 31, said that her husband was kept alive by casino security personnel, including Librado Garcia and Cecil Smith, who began CPR almost immediately after he fell from a stool and struck his head. His head injury isn't serious, and his heart condition is being treated. Apparently, Virginia said, the lower portion of Bob's heart went into cardiac arrhythmia. He was in Sutter's ICU for a couple of days and on a ventilator, but is now doing much better. Virginia said he might be home later this week.

**OVERALL DEADLINE** - Beginning Friday, Feb. 28, everything submitted for publication in the "Noose" -- including classified ads -- needs to be in the office by 3 p.m. on Fridays for the next week's issue. Classified ads will be accepted on Mondays until noon, but the price will be \$4 for a maximum of 20 words, and will appear in a Too Late To Classify column. The deadline was changed several weeks ago for everything but classified ads, and it's been decided to make the deadline all encompassing.

**NOTEPAD - T. Lund**, one of five recipients of the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation National Music Teacher of the Year award, was seen on Friday, Feb. 14 on the Today Show. Lund traveled to New York City with his wife on Feb. 13 to receive his award. **The 2003 Romantic Beginnings Bridal Fair** will be held at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Help is available** for those who have a problem with gambling. For information and treatment at no cost, phone 474-5363. **Sage Beetle** has closed, apparently due to lack of business. **The CJ 76 station** is temporarily closed and will replace the current CJ Texaco station.

## BULLETIN

It appears that the Medford Air Tanker Base will remain open thanks to \$1.2 million in funding secured in the fiscal year 2003 Omnibus Spending bill passed by Congress last week. U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) and U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) worked together to ensure that money for facility upgrades at the base was included in the final bill, which now goes to President Bush for his signature.

This summer the Biscuit Fire in Southwestern Oregon and Northern California burned nearly 500,000 acres of forestland and cost more than \$150 million to contain. The U.S. Forest Service's aerial fire-fighting efforts in the area would have been directly affected by the planned closure of the Medford base. The base was slated for permanent closure, with operations planned to move to the Klamath Falls airport east of the Cascade Mountains.

# Nominees ..

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person, and another from Leonard Frick, a chamber director and owner of Holiday Motel.

Frick underscored the firm's small beginnings, adding that it is now nationally known for "first-class products and good service." He wrote that, "This is the kind of business that makes Cave Junction and Illinois Valley prosper.

"The Taylor family should be commended and recognized for its achievements," Frick wrote.

In the anonymous nomination, Taylor's was cited for helping promote Art Walk events, and other activities helping the community.

**Rochelle Desser** O'Brien resident Helen Early nominated Desser, who works for the U.S. Forest Service's I.V. Ranger District.

Early wrote that Desser demonstrated leadership qualities during the Biscuit Fire, particularly "coordinating and leading our community meetings.

"She worked with professionals from all over the United States. She put in (difficult) hours, away from her family and other responsibilities. She deserves recognition," Early wrote.

**Jessica Kraska** Kraska, store director at Shop Smart Food Warehouse in Cave Junction, was nominated by Dennis Strayer, manager of the I.V. Visitor Center. He wrote:

"Jessica is very supportive of a variety of community and youth groups. She has sponsored fund-raisers for the I.V. High School (IVHS) cheerleading, football and wrestling teams.

"She continually helps other community groups by providing a discount on items to help make every group's event a success.

"Jessica is a tireless worker," noted Strayer, "and she never receives recognition for her significant contributions to our community and valley."

**T. Lund** Lund, director of music for IVHS and Lorna Byrne Middle School, should be recognized for working with his students to provide music "rain or shine or no matter what the weather," wrote nominator Frick.

"The music continues to improve, and the young people really appreciate Lund's leadership," Frick wrote.

**Dan McLeod** McLeod, vice president of I.V. Little League, was nominated by the group's board, and Moore.

"Dan is a very dedicated community member who goes above and beyond the extent of many other volunteers," wrote the board. "He works at Oregon Caves Chevron, and, with his wife, shares the responsibility for raising their two grandchildren.

"He can always be found at a school, Little League, church or any other community activity. He is the former president for Evergreen Elementary School PTA. We could write a book about all that Dan has done for our community, young or old. No matter what the need, you can always count on Dan," the board noted.

Moore also outlined McLeod's community activities in many areas. He wrote further that McLeod "is always upbeat and will always make time to encourage and let someone know that they have done a good job."

Pray for snow.

# Letters to the Editor

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beautiful, something that took months of hard work and loving care to produce?

What kind of person brags about destroying an irreplaceable, one-of-a-kind creation?

What kind of person takes pleasure in robbing our town of something that the entire community has come to love?

And what kind of person would strike at the very heart of our future; would undermine our dedication to bringing forth in our valley the beauty and creativity that will invite good people to visit and nurture those of us who live here?

Our public art is our treasure and our future. It is what makes people stop and say, "Look at that! This town is special. The people who live here really care!"

Did the people who took the Coffee Heaven Angel start by pulling flowers from a window box or taking a baseball bat to a mailbox? Did you turn your head or go along then? Or laugh and share high fives?

Did they knock down a stop sign or tear down a road sign? Did you turn your head or go along then? Or laugh and shout, "right on!"

Then what kind of a person are you? What kind of town do you want to live in? And what kind of person do you want to be?

Someone knows who steals an angel. Someone knows who will surely do something bigger next time. Is

it you?

Do you have the courage to say "No!" to destruction in your town? If so, you know what do to.

Or, if an angel can change a thief's heart, we invite you to bring her home. An angel can live with a broken wing, but not with a broken heart.

Love yourself and love your town. Help bring goodness and joy to our future.

**Rally ally**  
**From Lynne Vanderlinden**

**Cave Junction**  
What a day. Loggers, miners, farmers and just plain folk have finally decided enough is enough.

The Siskiyou Project sent their children to do the scoffing while their elders scuttled behind parked vehicles across the road videotaping the gathering at the forest service.

It was uplifting to have such a wide variety of speakers, including past and present commissioners, all in support of salvage logging to save Rough & Ready mill, our socio-economic base and the valley. Conspicuous by his absence and thus openly thumbing his nose at our survival, was Jim "Greenboy" Brock, a steadfast ally of the environmentalist movement.

Music rocked, signs waved and flags flew. Walt Freeman blew everyone away with his "challenges" to the community. Forest service personnel were more than ac-

commodating. Hats off to Pam Bode, our District Ranger, who literally got thrown into her own "trial by fire" last summer.

We appreciate all who were there. And do those who drove by, honking and thumbs-upping us in support -- do they realize that they are the real solution to this problem? It will take them (the "someone who lets someone else do something") to make the difference. Phone, write and email our Oregon and U.S. legislators; even those (maybe especially those) we didn't vote for.

Demand that President Bush declare Valley a National Disaster area so the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) process can be waived and we can get those dead and dying trees out before they rot, blow down or burn us out again.

It can mean the difference between putting our mill back to work or turning Shop Smart Food Warehouse into a convenience store.

But most of all - definitely most of all - we need to applaud Jim Nolan. If it weren't for Jim, Ron Smith and the People for the USA (PFUSA) working so tirelessly and without compensation to defeat a monument here, and now drawing national attention to our present plight, we would probably be right on schedule for depopulation of our valley via the Wildlands Project.

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\*Friday, Feb. 21 - 'Rock & Roll' with Imbas  
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\*Friday, March 7 - "Tamases" with Josh from L.A.  
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