

Here, There & Everywhere

SPRINGY MUSIC -- The Spring Concert scheduled at Lorna Byrne Middle School for Thursday, May 15 has been cancelled, according to the school's music director T. Lund.

SPRING CLEANING -- IVCRT's annual Down by the Riverside Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 17. Volunteers are to meet at Forks State Park at 9 a.m. and will carpool to three area campgrounds to paint and repair damage from vandalism. Volunteers are to bring their own tools. There will be a potluck at Forks park at 1 p.m. Participants are to bring their own table service and a dish to share. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Phone 597-2470 for info.

ROSE GARDEN -- Illinois Valley High School is looking for donated roses to be used on arches during graduation on June 4. Someone at the school will cut and pick up any roses given for the occasion. Phone 592-2116 for more info.

MOTORCYCLE MANIA -- I.V. Lions Club members will be selling raffle tickets for a 2003 Harley-Davidson Anniversary Model motorcycle during the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Thursday, May 15. The raffle, to be held at the I.V. Family Resource Center, is an annual fund-raiser for the Lions Club.

GREAT GRASSES -- The Native Plant Society of Oregon will sponsor a free workshop and hike on wild land grasses on Sunday, May 18. Don Heinze will help participants learn to identify common grasses of Southwest Oregon and understand their natural history. Hikers are to bring a pencil, paper, clipboard, hand lens and digging tool and meet at 9 a.m. in the east side of the Fred Meyer parking lot in Grants Pass. The event is free, but reservations are needed. Phone (541) 955-7247.

FREE WHEELIN' -- Illinois Valley Lions Club is seeking parties interested in participating in a possible "Tuff Truck" or "Mud Bog" competition for its Labor Day festival. Phone Steve Lyons at 592-3181 or 592-6441 for more information.

APPLAUSE PAUSE -- Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety will honor area police officers, firefighters and support personnel for their efforts during rescue and fire suppression efforts on March 6 at the major Grants Pass fire involving two assisted-living facilities. There will be an awards and medal ceremony on Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in GP City Hall.

'A' FOR EFFORT -- A reception at Rogue Community College's Wiseman Gallery, 3345 Redwood Hwy., will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 4 p.m. to celebrate artwork created by students during the year. Their varied media projects will be on exhibit from Monday, May 19 until Wednesday, June 11.

NOTEPAD: Hathkupasuta River Festival booth applications are available at "BeBe's ART for everyone," 148 S. Redwood Hwy., and at Coffee Heaven, 409 S. Redwood Hwy...**More than 100** Josephine County residents will participate in the 2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness Walk-A-Thon and Information Fair on Saturday, May 17 (May is Mental Health Awareness Month) at Riverside Park in Grants Pass. Pledge money will aid county citizens who have a mental illness and are suddenly finding themselves without prescription coverage.

Letters

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There is no indication whatsoever that they care at all for the valley.

Also, Brock stated that their salaries were only \$86,321 annually. When I contacted the commissioners office on this, it was pointed out that they forgot to mention their \$8,000 health insurance!

I have attended meetings with both Brock and Jim Riddle. During an hour of talking about the county and the budget, I did not get one true, direct answer as to where is the money.

I am in total favor of the new charter. It will finally give us in the valley representation, plus those in the other three districts in Josephine County. We will be able to nominate and vote for our commissioners. Then we will be able to vote on the other three "floaters."

I do not agree that everyone in Josephine County can vote for all seven commissioners, I feel that if we are going to get fair representation, we should be the only ones who vote for our district. Grants Pass, Wolf Creek, Williams and the other cities outside our district do not know what we need and who should represent us. Likewise, we have no knowledge of the needs of the other districts.

The statement I heard that seven commissioners would be too confusing...what do we have now? Two against one and the one there the longest calling all the shots.

I have the information and the petition. I would like the people in the valley to contact me and help us get this petition on the November ballot. Feel free to stop by A+ Mini Storage or just stop me on the street.

I am positive that this will pass. Regarding the statement from Brock that the current commissioners will resign — my response to that is, "Yippee." We could use that money for the valley.

JoCo seeks volunteers for UAPC

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Urban Area Planning Commission.

The commission reviews and makes recommendations regarding zone changes, comprehensive plan map amendments and site-specific changes.

The Urban Area Planning Commission is made up of eight members — four appointed by city council and four by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners (All members shall reside or own property within the UBG). Members shall fulfill a four-year term.

The deadline for accepting applications to the board is Saturday, May 31. Interviews may be held.

Applications are available in the commissioners office, Room 154, Josephine County Courthouse, Grants Pass. The board is also accepting applications from volunteers to fill a vacancy on the City/County Bikeways Committee.

The application deadline is also on May 31. The board may interview applicants.

Phone (541) 474-5221 for more information.

Clubs & Organizations

Illinois Valley Golf Association

The Illinois Valley Golf Association Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the golf course clubhouse. Meetings are open to the public. Come meet the board and the new golf pro.

For more information phone Arnold Mellow at 592-3525.

Waldo Mining District

The Waldo Mining District will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction. The public is invited.

Items on the agenda include the lawsuit filed Feb. 6, in U.S. District Court, by the Siskiyou Project against the Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor.

The lawsuit requires Plans of Operation for all mining activities (including gold panning, sluicing, and dredging) near any water. Other current mining issues will also be discussed.



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***Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17**
Rock with IMBAS
Dinner special
Sirloin Chateaubriand - \$7.95
***Friday, May 23 - Libby Goines**

***Thursdays - UBA-Star open mic with Jake Thompson**
and SCRABBLE COMPETITION

***DINNERS SERVED* Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 5 p.m.**
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IVHS Activities Calendar
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THURSDAY, MAY 15
*Junior varsity District track at Rogue River 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 16
*No classes

SATURDAY, MAY 17
*Girls softball vs. Rogue River - here
Noon - Doubleheader
*Boys baseball at Rogue River - Noon
Doubleheader

MONDAY, MAY 19
*No classes

TUESDAY, MAY 20
*No classes

*Girls softball at Hidden Valley - 4:30 p.m.
*Boys baseball vs. Hidden Valley - here - 4:30 p.m.
* School board meeting at Jerome Prairie - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
*OSSOM meeting - ROTC Lunch

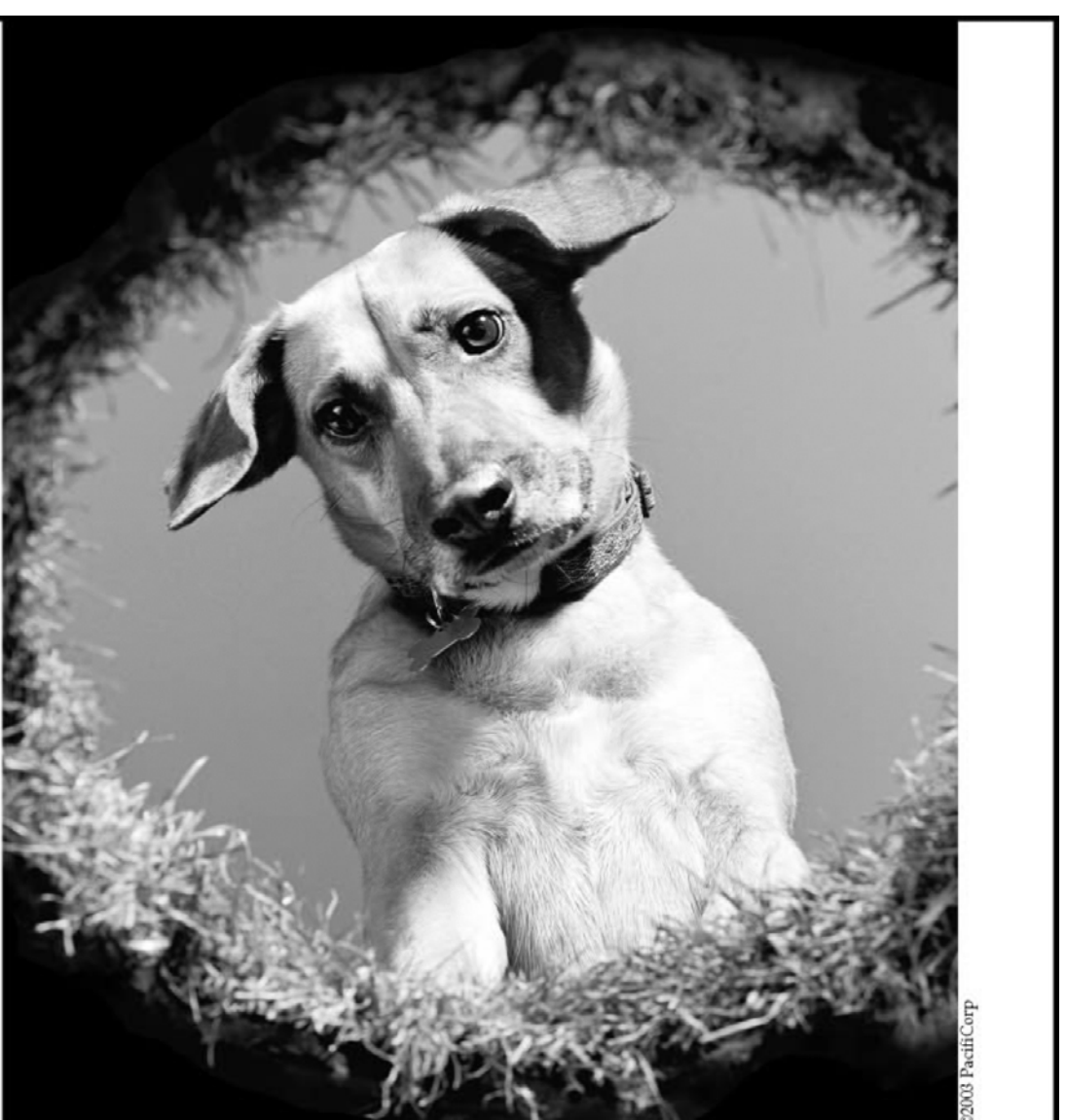
safety matters

Can you dig it?

Eager as you might be to dig right into your next landscape project, a word of caution: call first. A shovel hitting an underground power line can be every bit as dangerous as contacting an overhead line. If you're just planting some flowers or herbs, no problem. But when projects get more ambitious, like planting trees, digging holes for fence posts or installing underground sprinklers, please play it safe. Find out what lies underground and where by calling your local utility locating service at least 48 hours before you start the job. Your safety matters to us.

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