

Here, There & Everywhere

FOOTBALL FUTURE - There will be a Lorna Byrne Middle School and Illinois Valley High School football meeting on Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction. The IVHS football team will also hold a car wash on the CJ Video Mart/Radio Shack parking lot on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COLLEGE FUND - There will be a rummage sale/silent auction fund-raiser to help send Chris Rotin to college in Washington on Saturday, July 12 in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FIRE PROTECTION - The Forestry Action Committee will hold a fire meeting on Tuesday, July 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mountain Room of the I.V. Family Resource Center on East River Street.

FIELD TRIP & FORUM - The Forestry Action Committee will hold a field trip to the site of the BLM Anderson West Proposed Land Management and Timber Sale project on Wednesday, July 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. Meet at Selma Select at 1 p.m. A forum will follow from 7 to 9 p.m. at the former Selma Elementary School. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

POOL PARTY - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will sponsor an alcohol- and drug-free "Splash Bash" for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders on Friday, July 11 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Cave Junction Pool. There will be music, door prizes and free food donated by Taylor's Country Store and Shop Smart Food Warehouse in Cave Junction. Admission is one can of food per person.

SAVE LIVES - A blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held at Illinois Valley Senior Center on Thursday, July 24 from noon to 5 p.m. Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Phone (800) 792-5682 to schedule or for information.

BERRY BINGO - A bingo fund-raiser to benefit the Wild Blackberry Festival will be held on Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m. at I.V. Grange, 3781 Holland Loop.

NOTEPAD: Living Alternatives in Cave Junction is expanding and needs new volunteers, funds, baby items such as cribs, nursing wipes, formula and shampoo, and craft items to be sold as a fund-raiser during the Blackberry Festival in August. Phone 592-6058...**Volunteers with The Jericho Project**, an evangelism event, are scheduled to contact all Cave Junction homes between Saturday, July 12 and Saturday, July 19 between 6 and 8:30 p.m. to conduct a religious opinion poll...**It appears that Substation North**, which annually brings more than 100 visitors to Illinois Valley for several days, will move to Merlin next year. The reason is that Rough & Ready Park, made available each year by the Krauss family, is for sale, and substation organizers fear that it might not be available next year.

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These figures do not include benefits.

My concern is how the budget affects the staff. Only one staff member, a senior library specialist at the law library, will be full time. All other staff members will be part time and lose all their benefits.

My wife, currently a full-time senior library specialist, has worked for the library almost 11 years, five times longer than Luce. My wife will lose 25 percent of her hours; she will lose all her benefits and be demoted two pay grades without due cause. Not two pay steps -- two pay grades: A10 to A8.

My wife's take-home pay is currently \$1,707 per month. On July 1 it went to \$1,059 per month. That's a 38 percent decrease, not 10 percent. That is a loss of income to our family of \$648 per month. More actual dollars than any manager will lose under this budget plan.

As of July 1 my wife's manager, Cook, will supervise two staff members, each of whom will work only 30 hours per week. In essence, one manager for 1 1/2 staff members.

This budget plan seeks to balance the budget on the back of the staff alone and deny the people access to the library system. It appears to be based on the economic model of impoverish the staff and protect the managers: the Enron model.

The salaries and benefits paid to the four managers at the library cost the people of Josephine County more than \$300,000 per year. We, the people, are told that we must pay high salaries to get good management.

We, the people, are told that the library's budget is "fair." If this is the best that Luce and her managers can do for the people of Josephine County, then we have been defrauded.

Unelected department heads and managers serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners. Are they pleased with what Luce is doing? If not, I suggest that they correct it. If they are pleased, I remind them that they serve at the pleasure of the people.

There are many more things occurring in the library than three minutes will allow me to explain. The commissioners can contact me any time.

I will gladly explain

the nightmare that is about to happen. Luce might not tell the people, but I will.

'Enough access' From Rick Meier Cave Junction

It appears that William Schneider has taken umbrage at what I had to say in my "Enough is enough" Letter to the Editor, as printed on June 18, 2003 and wrote a rather cynical response in "Access denied," printed July 2, 2003.

I'm sure he is a good man, however, it is my feeling that some of his comments expose the fact that he maintains no less than a distorted view of what he read in my letter. Beyond that, I don't think any comment, with all due respect to his pessimistic perspective of life here on Earth after the next couple of human generations arrive, need to be taken up further herein.

But, I would like to leave Schneider with one last thought here: "We shall see" said the tortoise to the hare, we shall see.

In closing, I appreciate those who came together to combat the Daisy Hill Fire.

'In it together' From Lucy Angel O'Brien

"To protect and serve." These words truly conjure high meaning.

To edify this intent is a worthy practice for all of us as people. And for those who have this as the creed of their work and professions as police officers, peace officers, sheriffs, etc. is of special significance.

Unsafe driving, herbals, a flat on the roadway? How about a helpful ride home, perspective on "no harm, no foul," or a ride to the fix it shop/garage.

The Samaritan is more revered than the bully.

When we meet on the streets or near our homes, among the rivers and mountains, the encounter can be friendly or become a stage of intimidation.

I prefer myself, or my son, or sister or grandchild to have respect for you officer and that you also

Lone Red Cross worker seeks more volunteers

By BRITT FAIRCHILD
Staff Writer

The Daisy Hill Fire affirmed Cave Junction resident Chris Carter's reason for becoming an American Red Cross disaster volunteer: Helping others.

During the fire on June 29, she was one of 15 volunteers from the Rogue Valley Chapter who assisted evacuees at Illinois Valley High School.

"It's rewarding to be able to help your neighbors," said Carter, noting it was the first emergency she responded to since joining the organization several months ago.

"We need more like her," said fellow volunteer, Teresa Stover, who along with the rest of the volunteers, came from outside the valley to help at the high school.

As the only volunteer in the valley, Carter, and others involved with the Rogue Valley Chapter are



Chris Carter

trying to generate more I.V. community involvement. In the last week or so, Carter has distributed flyers throughout Cave Junction announcing the

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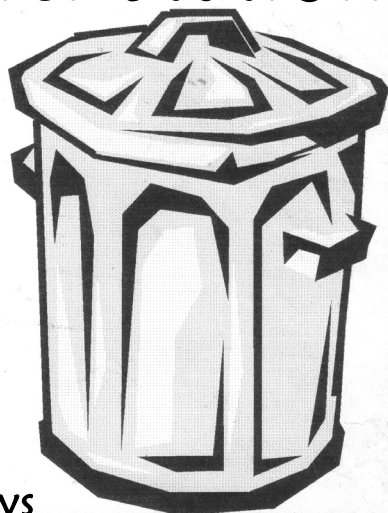
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