

Bob's Corner

A friend of ours came across some church bulletin ha-ha's and passed them to us. Likewise, we are inflicting ... I mean, passing them on to you.

*The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

*Weight Watchers will meet at 6 p.m. at the church. Please use the large double door at the side.

*Sister Barbara remains in the hospital and is having trouble sleeping. She would like some tapes of the pastor's sermons.

*Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

*Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

*Those attending the potluck will hear an excellent speaker and heave a healthy lunch.

*The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment and gracious hospitality.

*The associate minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign last Sunday, "I Upped My Pledge: Up Yours."

*A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

*The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the basement on Friday afternoons.

*Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

*The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

*Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," obviously pleasing the congregation.

*Eight new choir robes are needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

*The rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

*The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

*This evening the sermon topic will be, "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to the choir practice.

*For those of you have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

*Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

*Following the evening service there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

*Barbara Belch, a missionary from Africa, will speak tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary expressed in letters to the editor are strictly those of the letter-writers.

Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication. Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.)

'Maybe too expensive'

From Charles P. Packard

Cave Junction
Before bush decided to invade Iraq, perhaps he should have consulted some of us lesser mortals.

Any American motorist could have informed him the price of oil or gas can often be very, very expensive.

That's true. Expensive for us and expensive for them. And before it's over, possibly even a bit too expensive for him.

'Trashing Selmac'
From Chuck DeBrett

Cave Junction
Lake Selmac, a Josephine County park, was trashed Wednesday morning, July 16 between 2 and 4 a.m. by teen-agers driving a pick-up truck.

The teens dumped garbage cans, turned over a dumpster and spread trash around. They also broke sign poles along the road; and to make their entertainment more abundant, they dumped trash and tree branches over the dam's spillway.

This is a county park for which all property owners pay a share of its upkeep through taxes. And, in case those who rent think they do not participate in the property tax bill, it is included in your rent payments.

The park hosts are very hard working people (volunteers) and in their senior years. They keep the park clean, cut and maintained, and this type of mischief places needless hours of work on their shoulders which takes time away from other important chores.

In this time of budget lows, money to repair damaged road signs is hard to come by. If by law the money has to be spent on these repairs, it cuts into the money needed for continuing park maintenance.

The parents of these teen-agers are responsible for the damage done. They must know that their teens were out running around early Wednesday morning. They know who did the trashing.

Allowing them to roam the streets after midnight without any accountability opens the door for these teens to do whatever comes to their minds for entertainment. All parents are liable for any damage caused by their children to public or private property.

Our parks are available for everyone to use - but not to abuse. Just because there is no fee charged to use the parks, that doesn't relieve the responsibility of park users to do their share to keep parks in good condition. Restrooms should be left clean and orderly, and trash should be kept in trash receptacles.

Everything that can be

done to make Josephine County parks the best and cleanest in the state should.

'Compare and contrast'

From William Reid
Cave Junction

Recently I was in Grants Pass as the Josephine County Courthouse to conduct some business. I noticed it had nice lawns, trimmed flowers and well-cared for trees. The commissioners are to be commended for such a nice setting for the seat of county government.

That same day I went over to the county building here in Cave Junction. The commissioners are not to be commended for the terrible appearance of that building, which is an extension of the courthouse. Paint is peeling from timbers, weeds are growing; what little landscape is left is dying from lack of attention. Sad indeed.

While many county residents who live south of Hay's Hill are sometimes made to feel like second-class citizens, we are not. We deserve better. I would suggest that some effort be made to improve the appearance of the county building here in Cave Junction. We too are taxpayers. **(Editor's Note: See photos at right.)**

'Library situation'
From Sue Luce,
Library Director,
Josephine County

Library System
This is in response to George Long's recent letter about the Josephine County Library. I encourage anyone with questions about library operations to please contact me by phone at (541) 474-5483, e-mail at sluce@co.josephine.or.us, or stop in to see me at the main branch in Grants Pass.

It is puzzling that Mr. Long has never phoned me, written me, e-mailed me or stopped in to chat about his concerns and to get all the facts of the situation. He also has never attended a library board, Friends of the Library group or levy information meeting.

His family's situation is difficult, but so are the situations of all the staff.

The supplemental levy that was voted down was 25 percent of our budget.

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Josephine County Courthouse in Grants Pass (top)
Josephine County Bldg., Cave Junction (bottom)



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