

Here, There & Everywhere

VOLUME SALES: Friends of the Illinois Valley Library (FOIVL) will hold the annual book sale on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27 in the JoCo Bldg. in Cave Junction. Hours will be 5-7 p.m. Friday for a pre-sale for FOIVL members (memberships will be available at the door). The public book sale and a bake sale will run on Saturday from 9-3. Volunteers are needed to help with various parts of the event. Unwanted books also are sought. They can be taken to the I.V. Branch Library on Palmer Street.

CLASSY GLASS: Former Illinois Valley resident Darby Holm, now of Grants Pass, will be featured artist at Chuck King Designer Jewelry, 221 S.W. Sixth St. in Downtown GP, during that city's First Friday Art Walk on Oct. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. And Holm, a lampworker (glass artist), will exhibit pieces in King's during October. Holm is the son of Illinois Valley resident Pam Cooper.

NO F-U.N.: Steve Bonta, contributing editor for the John Birch Society's (JBS) "The New American" magazine, will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Redwood Grange Hall, 1830 Redwood Ave. in Grants Pass. His topic will be, "Inside the United Nations." Bonta has closely monitored the U.N. and the drive for world government, said JBS. It added, "Hear how the U.N. is the greatest fraud ever committed, and find out its true purposes and the threat it poses to every American."

RADIO REQUEST: KBCC-LP, Illinois Valley's Christian radio station, is seeking help to obtain Emergency Broadcast System equipment mandated by the FCC, said Bridgeview Community Church Pastor Charles Bridges. It must be installed by Oct. 24. It took nearly a year to build the station and test it to comply with FCC rules. The EBS gear now is required even for low-power stations because of the 9-11 attack two years ago. Prayer and monetary donations are sought for the \$1,795. For more information phone 592-3923.

DRAC ATTACK: "Dracula: The Musical?" will return to Stardust Repertory Theatre in Grants Pass, opening on Friday, Oct. 3. The play will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October. "This offbeat spoof on the Dracula legend is a laugh-'til-you-cry show suitable for all ages," said Stardust. For more info phone (541) 472-9614.

POLITICAL PIT: Cheryl Walker and Peter Buckley will discuss patriotism during a free "Gathering for Political Change," sponsored by Applegate Citizens for Political Change on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 3-5 p.m. at Cantrail Buckley Park. Walker, a political analyst, is a former Republican state representative. Buckley's a longtime Democratic Party activist and was a 2002 candidate for Congress. The park is approximately 2 miles west of Ruch, off Hwy. 238.

FAMILY FEUD: Thursday, Oct. 9 is the deadline to register for a conference on family violence, "Batterers In Our Midst: Their Impact on Children, Family and Community." It will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Lundy Bancroft, "a renowned family issues specialist and author," will lead the event, said Rogue Community College's Community Relations Dept. Bancroft will present material from his books, "The Batterer as Parent" and "Why Does He DO That?" There will be a question-and-answer session. For more information or to register phone (541) 956-7116.

NOTEPAD: A car wash will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10-1 by the Lorna Byrne Middle School football team at CJ Video Mart and Radio Shack. All proceeds will go to the school football club. **T-shirts:** "Tact Is For People Not Witty Enough To Be Sarcastic." "Think Globally: Act Microscopically." "What Is The Speed Of Dark?" **I.V. Arts Council** meeting for Sept. 24 has been postponed until Oct. 29. Also, a call to artists is issued to participate in the annual mask show. For more info phone BeBe's at 592-5343. **The U.S. Forest Service** has delayed the Biscuit Fire environmental impact statement to consider the lumber industry-backed "Sessions Report," recently issued by Oregon State University at Corvallis. The report advocates logging more than two billion board feet from the area of the 500,000-acre Biscuit Fire last year, largest recorded wildfire in Oregon history and the largest in the country during 2002. The entire Illinois Valley was on an evacuation alert for weeks, including some two weeks with a 30-minute alert, because of the blaze. **More T-shirts:** "My Therapist Thinks I'm A Scream." "I Childproofed My House But They Still Get In." "I Don't Suffer From Insanity: I Enjoy Every Minute Of It." **A new invention,** Fire Fartars, is designed to start wood logs on fire for heating or cooking, said Invention Technologies Inc. of Coral Gables, Fla. The inventor is Don Frey on Hillsboro, Ore. **P.J.'s Café** in Cave Junction recently received a top rating for cleanliness from the JoCo Public Health Office. **Just Three More T-Shirts:** "I'm Only Wearing Black Until They Make Something Darker." "Catholic School Survivor." "Even If The Voices Are Not Real, They Have Some Pretty Good Ideas."

Letters...

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Additionally, China has four Russian Kilo Class and four Song Class, which are Chinese-built. The Songs have a French hull, re-engineered German diesels, and the capability to launch advanced torpedoes and anti-ship Cruise missiles. This puts the Song Class near the top of capabilities in the diesel class in the Pacific.

There currently is one operational Xia Class nuclear-powered sub with 12 CSS-N-3 (JL-1) ballistic missiles aboard. A Type 94 ballistic missile sub is being built. It will carry 16 JL-2 missiles with a range of more than 5,000 miles.

While Chinese capabilities have soared, the U.S. Pacific attack sub fleet has shrunk to 24.

The Chinese fleet is being modernized. PLAN has 18 destroyers and 35 frigates, including home-built Luhu destroyers and Jiangwei II frigates. However, their top-of-the-line is comprised of two Russian-built Sovremennyy Class guided missile destroyers, which are designed to attack U.S. aircraft carriers utilizing supersonic SS-N-22 Sunburn missiles. PLAN recently ordered two more.

The People's Liberation Army now has 20 nuclear-tipped, land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of reaching across most of Asia and to the western United States. Across the straits from Taiwan there are large missile batteries of mainly CSS-6 and -7 types. This force has grown from less than 50 in 1997 to more than 350 today. PLAN probably has utilized global positioning to gain a degree of accuracy not previously attained.

So the next time you go shopping, remember what is not noticeable in your shopping cart. Maybe you should ask your elected representatives in Washington, D.C. to look in their shopping carts and see what else is being made in China.

'Human encroachment'

From Frances Taylor Grants Pass

I suppose we shouldn't be surprised when we hear the massive blackout that struck the United States and Canada in August is being used as an excuse to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

After all, the pro-drilling special interests and their allies in Washington have tried to use everything from electricity prices in California to heating oil prices in the Northeast as flimsy excuses to get their hands on Alaska's wilderness. By this time, I think we better pay attention. The blackout has given new life to an energy bill that had stalled in Congress. And this energy bill is just the vehicle the special interests want to use to push their drilling plans through the Congress.

Let's hope our senators see through all of the flimsy excuses and the empty rhetoric and remember that drilling in the Arctic Refuge makes no more sense than it ever has.

It is time for Congress to set aside controversial

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MANY BIRTHDAY WISHES - Lydia Casper celebrated her 90th birthday in Selma on Aug. 21. Guests at the party included her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. They enjoyed the pleasant weather outdoors and commemorated the occasion with a barbecue and birthday cake. Casper has seven children, eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. (Photo contributed)

Wage increase across Oregon to begin Jan. 1

Based on a 2.2 percent inflation rate, Oregon's minimum wage will increase by 15-cents from \$6.90 per hour to \$7.05 per hour, according to the state Bureau of Labor and Industries (BLI).

This cost-of-living adjustment will take effect on Jan. 1, BLI said.

In November 2002, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 25, which increased Oregon's minimum wage from \$6.50 to \$6.90 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2003.

The measure requires the BLI commissioner to annually adjust the minimum wage for inflation based on a rise in the Consumer Price Index.

The annual adjustment is to be calculated every September, rounded to the nearest 5-cents and becomes effective the following January.

Prior to passage of Measure 25, Oregon's minimum wage had not increased since 1999.

In '96, voters approved a ballot measure that increased the minimum wage by \$1.50. The '96 measure went into effect on Jan. 1, '97 and was phased in during a three-year period, with the final increase taking effect in January '99.

After this adjustment in January, Oregon's minimum wage will be the fourth highest in the nation behind Alaska and Washington at \$7.15 per hour.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH POTLUCK
Monday, Sept. 29 6 p.m.
 Everyone is invited to come meet & visit with **Ania Grabowska** of Stawiguda, Poland (pop. 1,000). She is a guest of the Lutheran Women of Oregon Global Advocacy Program. She is 21 years old and is attending the University of Warmia and Mazury (UMW) as well as the Warsaw School of Economics. She is studying marketing, management and the business aspect of international relationships. She also tutors English. Please come join us! For more information phone Bertha Miller at 592-2482 or Pastor Peg at 592-2290.

True 'Country Cooking' at Stevereno's Family Restaurant

Beginning Saturday Sept. 20 4 p.m. to closing
 Slow cooked 'Home Style'

POT ROAST DINNER
 served with potatoes, onions & carrots in its' own gravy, biscuit & butter, soup or salad, plus dessert
\$8.99
 or large portion \$10.99

EVERY WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY
 Cocktails, beer & wine available with meal

We offer a kids meal menu starting at \$2.99

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 Is offering
FLU SHOTS!
Phone (541) 474-5337
24 hours a day for information on locations dates and times.

Cost is \$15 Medicare and Oregon Health Plan billing available

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Thank You from the I.V. Lions
Well, the 31st annual I.V. Lions Labor Day Festival is over. The weather was great, as was the talent show, entertainment, breakfast, burgers, bingo, softball, etc. We would like to thank the following volunteers who helped us set up, run, and put away the festival:

*Nicole Navaro *Shaun Hardy *Amy Hardy *Matt Bilyeu *Cindy Bilyeu *Paul Miller * Jo Spencer *Connie Gammel *David West *Rory Newman *Gary Moore (O'Brien County Store) *Gloria Polenda *John Sinwell *Daniel Martinson * Becky Pearson (BeBe's ART for Everyone) *Taxi *Kenny Bourgo *Studebaker Mike *Bud Box *Hilma Michel *April Fisher *Jim Graham *Paul Simon *Irv Whiting *Terri Lyons *John Engels *Kauffman Wood Products *Jana Fincher *Kim Clifford *Waylon's BBQ Sauce *Clyde Newsted *Becky Newsted *Lou Chavin *Jan Manson *Jenny Peters *Mary Bell *Matt Miller *Dale Hopper *Elmer's Septic *Jeff & Mary Christensen (JeMarc Juggling) *Kerby Belt Masonic Lodge 18 *American Legion, Post 70 *KLDR/KAJO *Bob Sheridan (took charge of the horseshoe tournament) * I.V. Wrestling *I.V. Volleyball *Kerbyville Farms (watermelons) * I.V. Praise Team *I.V. News' staff (Chris, Cindy & Britt) *Century 21 Harris & Taylor (printing flyers & contributors to greased pole climb) *Jim Frick (announcer) *Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputies & reserves *Barbara Hahn (Grants Pass Daily Courier) *Machelle Viles (helped at BBQ and with 'Flora Bell') *Early Days Tractors *Lowell Ford

If we've forgotten anyone, please forgive us, it was a hectic time and you know who you are. An especially big thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you for such great community support. Illinois Valley is truly a special place to live.

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