

Here, There & Everywhere

Letters to the Editor

IN REMEMBRANCE - Lovejoy Hospice will present the 15th annual Light Up A Life ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St. in Cave Junction. The purpose is to remember loved ones who have died. Donations will be accepted at the event.

WINTER WONDERLAND - The Dome School Winter Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 9367 Takilma Road. The event will include handcrafted items for sale, live entertainment, food, a raffle and more. Phone 592-3911 for info.

GIFT GIVING - A blood drive sponsored by American Red Cross will be held at the Illinois Valley Senior Center on E. River Street on Thursday, Dec. 18 from noon to 5 p.m. To schedule a donation or for information phone (800) 826-5920.

HELPING HAND - Those at the Kerbyville Museum noted their appreciation to Daryl ("Nice talkin' to ya") Ponder for his generous donation of time and material to help make improvements to the building.

LISTER-KERBY 'STOPS' - Two additional "Stop" signs will be installed at the intersection of W. Lister Street and Kerby Avenue by mid-January by the city of Cave Junction. The intersection will then be a four-way stop. "All citizens are urged to use extreme caution following this change, and to be patient and alert to ensure compliance," said the city.

Notepad - The Shining Stars will give away 18 holes of golf for two at I.V. Golf Course; an introductory flight over the valley from "Wild Air;" a kayak trip from Out-n-About Outfitters and more. Raffle tickets are available at The Pizza Pit or phone 592-2236...**Cave Junction Cares** is looking for volunteers and "desperately needed" donations for the annual Christmas Breakfast in Jubilee Park on Dec. 25. Phone Lynn Boucher at 592-6855...**There will be a free Hoof Care Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oregon State University Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass...**Jenny's Airport Restaurant** at I.V. Airport is seeking a liquor license for limited on-premise sales.

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placements.
Write USFS c/o ACT2
POB 377, Happy Camp,
CA, 96039 or e-mail
r6_biscuit@fs.fed.us or
phone (541) 471-6500, or
fax (530) 493-1775.

**'Emergency
contraception'**
From Mary Lefner
Director of Living
Alternatives Pregnancy
Center of I.V.

This letter is in support of the concerned citizen who wrote about emergency contraceptive pills (ECP) being given out without explanation. Many people do not realize what happens with emergency contraceptive methods.

ECPs are usually a small packet of normal birth control pills (estrogen and progesterone hormones). They are designed to be taken within 72 hours of unprotected activity ideally within 12-24 hours (thus the nickname "morning-after pill") with a follow-up dose 12 hours later.

ECP makers and dispensers claim a 75 percent effectiveness in "preventing" a pregnancy. The problem lies in the definition of prevention. The commonly held definition of prevention is to stop something from occurring ... however, with ECPs, the definition does not include fertilization of an egg; instead it refers to the implantation of a fertilized egg as the beginning of a pregnancy.

In reality, a couple may begin a pregnancy and that new life would be aborted three times out of four with the use of ECPs. Other side effects may include nausea, vomiting, menstrual irregularities, breast tenderness, headache, abdominal cramps or pain and dizziness.

Another alarming part of this scenario is the presumption that the pills will protect the partners. There are serious sexually trans-

mitted infections out there including chlamydia, gonorrhea, pelvic inflammatory disease, genital warts, genital herpes, syphilis, and HIV/AIDS. Emergency contraceptive pills do not protect against any of these diseases nor their serious health effects including sterility and death.

Condoms are vastly overrated in both their ability to prevent pregnancy (80-85 percent protective rate) and the transmission of the microscopic HIV virus.

If a pharmacist filled a prescription and told you "good luck" because 15-20 percent of the people using this preparation will contract a disease and or die, would you use it?

The best way to prevent sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy is to be abstinent until marriage.

Early sexual activity does not lead to lifelong relationships, but it can lead to lifelong parental responsibility or health problems that shorten a life.

'Angelic effort'
From Marilyn
Arnold
O'Brien

I recently helped a relative in Eugene move to O'Brien. It was very tough, as we had little help, marginal transportation, and icy, wet weather to boot. Most of what we owned was drenched, along with our strength and spirits.

Monday morning brought the staggering task of un-loading everything ourselves, until angels descended from heaven and within a short time three wonderful men showed up to do what we felt was miracle work.

They tackled it all, despite rickety stairs and intermittent rain.

Our hearts were touched by those angelic men, who wouldn't take a dime in payment.



EGGNOG ANYONE - Barbara Herr hands out samples of eggnog and other treats on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Shop Smart Food Warehouse. As she offered shoppers a taste of the creamy drink, Millie Watkins was at the front of the store, pouring wine and handing out cheese samples to customers 21 and older. See related photo on page 15. (Photo by Britt Fairchild)

I.V. Christmas Basket and Toy Program seeks donations. Phone 592-4149, Ext. 232.

THANK YOU!
The Kerbyville Museum would like to acknowledge how much it appreciates **Daryl Ponder** of *Down & Out Seamless Gutters & Sheet Metal* for his generous donation of time and materials in the installation and repair at the museum.

Myers advises Oregonians give generously but wisely

Attorney General Hardy Myers released his annual report profiling the 20 nonprofit organizations that generated the most inquiries to the Oregon Dept. of Justice during the preceding year.

"With the holidays approaching, Oregonians can count on being solicited for charitable contributions by a wide variety of organizations," Myers said. "This year's report looks at a broader spectrum of these organizations in order to facilitate informed giving."

The report, "Charitable Giving; It Makes a Difference," is available on the department's Web site at www.doj.state.or.us.

Each profile includes information about the or-

ganization's mission and expenditures, its fundraising practices, and its status with the Better Business Bureau.

"Oregon's charities continue to suffer from the impact of increased need, reduced contributions, and limited state support," Myers said. "In such an environment, it is critical that donors use the many resources available to maximize the value of their charitable giving."

The Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Dept. of Justice, which maintains financial information on 11,000 charities, welcomes inquiries online at www.doj.state.or.us and by phone at (503) 229-5725 and "encourages Oregonians to give wisely."

In Service to the USA

Michael B. Murray has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program, which gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Murray, a 2002 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, will report to Fort Sill at Lawton, Okla., for active duty on Dec. 30.

He is the son of Sharon L. Murray and Donald G. Murray, both of Cave Junction.

Delayed entry enlist-

ment gives new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

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Contact _____
Phone _____
Type of Entry (float, animal, band, etc.) _____

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce

CHRISTMAS PARADE
will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6
(if rain) Saturday, Dec. 13
Line up at 2 p.m.
at Evergreen School
Theme: "Peace on Earth"

Christmas Decorating Contest

Deadline for valley businesses to enter the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorations Contest is Saturday, Dec. 20. Decorations must be ready for judging on Saturday, Dec. 20 as well.

Business _____
Address _____

Circle: Indoor or Outdoor
Send or deliver to I.V. Chamber in the I.V. Visitor Center
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