

Here, There & Everywhere

Letters

CJ CHRISTMAS - Cave Junction Cares will hold its annual Christmas breakfast from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25 at Jubilee Park pavilion. Santa Claus will hand out toys to the kids. Donations of toys, money and volunteers are needed. Phone Lynn Boucher at 592-6855 for more info.

CHRISTMAS EVE - There will be a candlelight service at First Baptist Church, 18285 Redwood Hwy. in Selma, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

MUSIC MINISTRY - The 5/4 HIM quintet from Medford will perform at Illinois Valley Baptist Church, located in the American Legion Hall, 2110 Caves Hwy., during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Jan. 11. The group ministers through contemporary and gospel music.

Notepad - **Nicholas Leach**, an IVHS graduate and third-year biology student at University of Oregon, has been selected to work in Australia as part of the Youth In Action program. He is seeking donations to help pay for expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible. Checks are to be made to Youth In Actions, but do not include Leach's name. A coupon must accompany the check and can be obtained at www.isvonline.com. **Lovejoy Hospice** will present "Hospice Nurses- Special People, Special Practice" on Monday, Jan. 12 from 12 to 1 p.m. at 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. RSVP to (541) 474-1193 by Jan. 5.

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them on their path of genocide, whether it be individuals or nations that support their actions, they deserve the entire wrath of the civilized world.

Equally as bad are the ones who train and brainwash these puppets. The "Puppet Masters" are not in it for Allah or Islam, but to bring focus to themselves and are concerned only with how much personal power they can amass.

If for a second these people were for Allah, Islam and their people, the trouble would cease. The entire civilized world needs to come together and make it clear in no uncertain terms that this sort of behavior is unacceptable. That terrorists cannot live, hide, eat, sleep or rest within their borders. That they will be relentlessly hunted down and, if lucky, prosecuted to the full extent of law.

Our being in Iraq is not about controlling Iraq. It is a message to the world that terrorism will not be tolerated, nor will terrorist regimes. The time is now for change.

It is a sad reality of war that people die. I believe that by action now, however disagreeable it may be at times, many untold numbers of deaths, far exceeding those who have died in this conflict, will and have been prevented.

Truth be told, for a war the numbers are very low. I think the major media would do a great service



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH -- Lorna Byrne Middle School Students of the Month for December were presented certificates for outstanding academic achievement by LBMS Principal Peter Maluk. Recipients from left are: Alyssa Burdick and Doug Hoskins, eighth grade, Megan Schreiber and Antonio Escalante, seventh grade, Tiffany Tenchiera and Matt Williams, sixth grade. (Photo by Steve Fairchild)

for the sake of morale, and present a more balanced truth, to focus a little more on the positive aspects of our position and accomplishments in Iraq, instead of pandering with primal bloodlust to the negative, of which there is much.

But by the same token, there are whole cities up and running. Schools and universities are open in places. Professors are returning to Iraq, as are many of the intellectual community.

There is great effort on all sides to keep peace and maintain it against a few who insist on making that as difficult as they can at the expense of their people and the rebuilding of a new Iraq, where murder is no longer fashionable and Islam no longer abused.

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A special thank you from Rising Suns

As the year is coming to an end and this year's last project is complete, it is time to acknowledge all of those who have contributed to the repairs and restoration of the 'Hammer Bldg.' and the beginning of Rising Suns. What started as a desire to restore an old building that was in much need of repair became a great adventure of joy, blessings, laughter, tears and new friendships. This is a chronological list of the wonderful group of people who brought us to this point in the buildings restoration.

*First, I wish to thank Judy Hoyle, who was the first to tell me the building was for sale. She referred me to Becky Pearson at Bebe's Art for Everyone, who was/is a tenant in the building and fueled my interest that led to my purchase of the building. Thank you, Becky.

*A special thank you to Dave Hocker who referred us to Dave MacKechnie of D&M Construction. If ever we were blessed it was with MacKechnie. If something needed to be done the usual answer in the peak of summer was 'I'm booked solid for a month.' Dave would ask if they could be there next Tuesday and by golly, they would come. Thank you Dave for seeing the dream and always being there for us.

*A special thank you to Robert Hirling of Country Plumbing. The building was full of old worn-out plumbing and he completely restored and made it new.

*A special thank you to Robert and Michael of Kerby Electric. They too saw the vision and gave us what we needed to fulfill our dream. They provided us with many great ideas and were more than willing to help in areas far beyond their normal job description.

*A special thank you to the Taylors of Taylor's Sausage for starting our town's transformation and keeping us alive during the hot summer months with much needed refreshment.

*A special thank you to Rob Caldwell of Rob Caldwell Wood Floors and his brother. Part of our dream was to restore the old wood floors and after three weeks of us trying ourselves, we were at our wits end. They came and saved the day and gave us back the history of our building in the process.

*A special thank you to Mike Keon of MJB Construction for your wonderful drywall work.

*A special thank you to Walt Juergens of Walt Juergens Painting for painting the outside of the building for us.

*A special thank you to Tom Rogers for our new bathroom floors.

*A special thank you to Dennis Parker of Precision Glass for the new door, glass and windows he provided.

*A special thank you to Sandy Kaminsky and Gaige Qualmann for the wonderful rock work and fountains they created for our building. Fabulous, you are true artisans.

*A special thank you to Robert Vineyard for the carpentry help when needed.

*A special thank you to Kenneth Vansant for your phone work.

*A special thank you to Tony Paulsen of Valley Locksmith for the locksmith work.

*A special thank you to Kate Dwyer for making our Grand Opening so grand.

*A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Collins, their son, John Dolim and his daughter who were the first to enter our store and Peggy for being our first customer.

*A special thank you to Murphy's Canvas for our awning.

*A special thank you to Bruce Stone who created our fabulous sign. After seeing one of his art pieces in Bebe's Art for Everyone Gallery, I just knew he was the one to create our sun.

*Finally, a special thank you to Daryl Ponder of Down & Out Seamless Gutters who completed our last project for this year with his wonderful window awnings and his repair and replacement of the necessary gutters.

We would like to thank each and every customer who has entered our store this year. The welcome we have received in Cave Junction has been truly wonderful and we are very grateful. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Year's.

Sincerely,

Rising Suns, Todd, Audrey & Joel

P.S. A special thank you to Carl Hammer who was with me many times when I was alone and decorating his building late at night and in the wee hours of the morning.



New laws change reporting guidelines for car accidents

A few laws created by the 2003 Oregon Legislature will change how Oregon drivers deal with automobile insurance and report accidents. These laws take effect Jan. 1.

House Bill 2933 raises the damage threshold to \$1,500 from \$1,000 for when an accident must be reported to DMV. The bill also requires that only the driver or owner of a vehicle with \$1,500 or more in property damage file a report. Unchanged is the requirement that if a crash results in injury or death, or when a vehicle is towed from a crash site, all parties involved must report the crash to the DMV.

HB 3668 increases the minimum level of personal injury protection required for a private passenger vehicle in Oregon to \$15,000 from \$10,000. The bill also prohibits medical service providers from charging higher fees to people who have insurance bene-

fits. The \$10,000 minimum was set in 1989. Today's emergency care for people involved in crashes frequently costs more than \$10,000.

Senate Bill 246 requires that drivers who file insurance certifications with DMV must cover all the vehicles registered or operated by the person listed on the certificate. DMV requires these certifications, known as SR-22 certifications, from drivers failing to carry minimum liability insurance or proof of insurance in their vehicles.

Historically, it was the responsibility of insurance companies and their customers to insure that liability insurance extended to all vehicles registered or operated by a driver required to file an SR-22. SB246 mandates that drivers required to file SR-22s must certify that all vehicles they might drive are covered by insurance.

Questions and Answers by Christina Snell Executive Director at Lovejoy Hospice



In order to help you become better informed about hospice services, Lovejoy Hospice is publishing this question and answer column every month. Look for us on the fourth Wednesday of every month in 'Illinois Valley News.' If you have questions you would like answered in this column, phone or Email us at the numbers below.

Q: My brother-in-law was told he had a 'limited' amount of time left. His family felt he should have hospice, but he decided he wanted further treatment. Why don't people accept the help they can get through hospice?

A: Though you may be aware of the support and help a person can receive through hospice, not everyone has had that experience. We each have the power to choose what we want to occur with our lives. The decisions to receive treatment or hospice is one of the choices filled with many 'unknowns'. There is the feeling that if you don't choose treatment then you are 'giving up' but really making a choice for quality of life for whatever time you have. I encourage those of you who have had a positive experience with hospice care to share with others this knowledge. Share the joy of mended relationships; patients pain under control; and, extended quality of life.



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