

Here, There & Everywhere

OMSI SCIENCE CLASSES- Dome School, 9367 Takilma Road, will hold OMSI science classes on Saturday, Feb. 14. Contact 592-3911 for applications.

HOSPICE GOOD GRIEF PROGRAM- Lovejoy Hospice is accepting registrations for its next session of Good Grief. The program provides children and parents a safe place to talk about how their family is coping with the loss of a loved one. There are classes appropriate for all age groups, including parents. The program will be held Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. from Feb. 23 through April 26 at Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. To preregister, phone Barbara Knox at 474-1193 or (888) 758-8569. Space is limited.

COALITION FOR KIDS - The Coalition for Kids is offering a "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" class on Mondays, Feb. 9 to March 17. Classes will be held at Coalition for Kids, 233 S.E. M St. in Grants Pass from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The class is designed to help those looking for answers or just wanting to improve their parenting skills. To register or for information phone (541) 479-1929. Registration will close Monday, Feb. 2.

TIMBER TAX CHANGES - OSU Extension Service is hosting two workshops to discuss changes to the Oregon forestland property tax system. The Josephine County session will be held Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass. RSVP to 476-6613.

COME ONE, COME ALL - Taylor's Country Store and Restaurant will hold another bluegrass jam on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m.

CRAB FEED - Kerby Belt Lodge 18 will hold an Oregon dungeness crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby from 2 to 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Lodge 18 Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at CJ One-Hour Photo, Family Tree Garden Center and TC Computers in Cave Junction, and Yanase Jewelers in Kerby. For more information phone 592-2505.

HOOP SCOOP - Tickets are available for the IVHS boys basketball team fund-raising raffle. Prizes include a Sony 51-inch high-definition wide-screen TV; a Dell desktop computer; and a one-night stay at Seven Feathers Casino, and many other prizes. The drawing will be held at half-time of this season's final IVHS home game on Tuesday, Feb. 17. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available at all Home Valley Bank branches, Shop Smart Food Warehouse (Customer Service Center), Taylor's Sausage Country Store, Selma Video, and Pizza Pit.

CHILDREN'S HEARTS - Illinois Valley Branch Library invites children to make valentines to decorate the library. "Love Your Library" will end on Thursday, Feb. 12. Valentines may be made by individual children or entire families or classes working together. Prizes are donated by Illinois Valley Friends of the Library.

NOTEPAD - Ballots for the Feb. 3 election on Measure 30 can be placed in the box in CJ City Hall until 8 p.m. on Feb. 3. Otherwise they need to be in the elections office in the county courthouse in GP by the deadline. **Top ratings** for cleanliness at Jenny's Airport Restaurant, Pietro's Italian Restaurant, and McGrew's Restaurant and Lounge were to be awarded during a meeting of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, Jan. 28. **Jenny's Airport** Restaurant has closed, at least temporarily, until around April. **I.V. Senior Center** will hold winner-take-all bingo games on Valentines Day, Saturday, Feb. 14. Watch for ads in the "Noose." **Cheryl Smith**, a former I.V. resident now living in Chowchilla, Calif., spotted a large sign near her home. It reads, "Ready or not, here I come! - God." She and her husband, Wayne, plan to relocate to I.V. in about four years. **I.V. Lions Club** has tickets available for its Labor Day Festival raffle of a 2004 FX DWG Dyna Wide Glide. Tickets are available at Century 21 Harris & Taylor in Cave Junction, Carlos' Mexican Restaurant, A+ Mini Storage, Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment and McGrews.

LAST WORDS - Half the truth is often a great lie. (Benjamin Franklin)

Letters to the Editor

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munity.

As a member for many years and now as a board director, I am excited to see this growth in our hometown community group. We have moved beyond merely accepting grants for improving our community, to self-generated funding. This is a rare thing in a community organization, and we all feel it is a direct reflection of the creativity and hard work of the valley residents.

Because our revenue base has changed, the board, the committees, the general membership, and the community-at-large must partner more closely to create and support the endeavors that will benefit the valley. We need citizens to step forward, give us your input, join the CRT or renew your memberships, help initiate ideas for community improvement, and work on committees with the board to design and implement projects.

Prior to the March 30 general meeting, where we will elect board directors and vote on bylaw changes, we have planned a series of small discussion groups throughout the valley to explain the transition and gather community input on the bylaws and future CRT enterprises. You may also join as a member at any of these meetings, or renew your membership. You only need to live or work in the valley to qualify.

The meetings will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m., Selma Community Center, Selma; Monday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m., Takilma Community Center/Dome School, Takilma; Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m., LBMS gymnasium, Cave Junction.

Membership renewal can be no later than Friday, Feb. 27 in order to vote at the general member meeting. We plan much more than a night of speeches and voting. We want to inspire and involve you in making this year of transition the foundation year for a new, stronger, broad-based organization.

It is undeniably hard work to go to meetings twice a week, hammer out policies with other very independent minded valley residents and give countless hours for the positive benefit of the community.

The rewards of seeing the creations of jobs, increased availability of skills trainings, technical support for new business endeavors and the creation of trade groups come to the valley has made it so very worth while.

I am so honored to serve the community in this way and enthusiastically invite you to join us.

I like long walks especially when they are taken by people that annoy me.
- Fred Allen -

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding or ourselves.
- Carl Jung -

The world belongs to the energetic.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson -



ROCKYDALE MOBILE FIRE - Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer and IVFD Capt., Steve Corwin investigate fire damage to a double-wide mobile home belonging to Tim Stetz at 6455 Rockydale Road on Thursday, Jan. 22. The fire on Wednesday evening caused an estimated \$70,000 damage, and a house cat perished in the flames. Investigation was inconclusive, but electrical problems are being attributed to the fire, according to Schaeffer. (Photo by Michelle Binker)

Students of the Month

Alex Gardner

Alex Gardner, a senior at Illinois Valley High School, was chosen as Josephine County Commissioners Student of the Month for December.

Gardner is the son of Lori Gardner and the late Alex Gardner. He has maintained a 3.83 gpa.

Gardner has been a member of the varsity basketball team for two years. He has been awarded the Skyline Conference Scholar Athlete Award.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned his Certificate of Initial Mastery. He is involved in his class working on fund-raisers and different projects.

He is currently working at Oregon Caves Chevron in Cave Junction.

After graduation he hopes to attend the University of Oregon in Eugene. He plans to major in physics or business.

Danielle Streeter

Danielle Streeter, a 17-year-old senior at Illinois Valley High School, has been named Kerby Belt Lodge #18 AF&AM January Student of the Month.

Danielle is the grand-

daughter of Larae and Dale Rosenberg of Selma.

She currently holds the office of IVHS cheerleading representative.

Along with cheerleading, she is also a member of Cougar Pals, track team, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Roll, choir, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Youth Group.

She has been awarded

the National Cheerleader Award, All-American Scholar Award from the U.S. Achievement Academy, five Skyline Conference Scholar Athlete Awards, six varsity awards, and All-American Nominee for the National Cheerleading Association.

She has earned her Certificate of Initial Mastery and plans to attend Oregon State University in Corvallis.



(Located at the corner of Rockydale Road and Hwy. 199)

Bareroot fruit trees have arrived
Come in early for best selection

10% OFF all bareroot

Don't forget to dormant spray all deciduous trees and shrubs

WINTER HOURS:
Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday



*FREE spray schedules available

The greater the obstacle the more glory in overcoming it.

- Moliere -

CONE TEN POTTERY
Studio & Gallery, 360 Caves Hwy.

RAKU WORKSHOP
Saturday, Feb. 7, 1 - 4 p.m.

Create & glaze a clay cup, rattle or small box and participate in a raku firing.
Beginners welcome
592-4646

* Marie E. Siemer *
* Certified Public Accountant *
* 592-3630 *
* Office is now open at *
* 234 N. Redwood Hwy. *
* in the *
* Western Plaza Shopping Center *
* (Next door to True Value Hardware) *

Remember to vote in the
Tuesday, Feb. 3 special ballot election.

TAYLOR'S COUNTRY STORE
202 S. Redwood Hwy.
592-5358

TAYLOR'S SPECIALS

Large-end pork tenderloin - \$1.99 lb.
(Great for medallions)

SIX PACKS - \$6.99 plus deposit
Choice of Deschutes Beer

*Obsidian Stout *Mirror Pond Pale Ale *Black Butte Porter
Check out our large selection of Marinades and Sauces

Events -

*Friday, Jan. 30 - Wally Aiken & Friends
Dinner Special:
Chicken breast with rosemary & artichoke hearts
\$9.95

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1
Watch the game on Terry's Big Screen TV
FREE *appetizers during game
(*popcorn & pepper stix)

Burger Dinner - \$4.95 - Micro Brew Pitchers - \$6

*Friday, Feb. 6 - 'Route 33' (1/2 of 'Route 66')
*Saturday, Feb. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. - Fred Epping
*Sunday, Feb. 8 - Blue Grass Jam - 2 to 5 p.m.

THURSDAYS - 6:30 p.m. - Open 'Mic' Night with Jake Thompson and Jefferson plus Scrabble competition

We're open at 6:30 a.m.
TRY OUR DELICIOUS ESPRESSO & BREAKFAST