

Here, There & Everywhere

INDEPENDENCE FAIR - HASL (Handicap Awareness Support League) Independent Abilities Center will present an "Independence Fair" on Thursday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Grants Pass Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. 8th St. Booths and skills training workshops will provide information on resources available to promote employment for people with disabilities.

EMPOWERING SOBRIETY - Women For Sobriety organization meets Wednesdays in Cave Junction from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance site, 535 E. River St.

GRAD NIGHT - The Planning Committee for Grad Night 2004 will meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Illinois Valley High School. Parents of 2004 IVHS graduates are encouraged to attend.

ARTS CALENDAR - Illinois Valley arts calendars will be available four to six times a year; sponsored by Southern Oregon Guild. To list news or an arts event, phone 592-4646.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH - Celebrate poetry in April at the Illinois Valley Branch Library. Flyers are available at the library for those wishing to submit sonnets for display. For more information, contact 592-3581.

MEDICARE RECIPIENTS - People suffering from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disorders, or who have difficulty walking may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair through Medicare. Contact Gregory Coleman at (800) 810-2877 for more information.

EARTH MUSIC & FILMS - Siskiyou Project will present films and music from around the world for all ages at Rogue Community College on Friday, April 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Coates Hall.

NOTEPAD - A certain Illinois Valley grandfather told his 8-year-old granddaughter that the person depicted on his sweatshirt was Sherlock Holmes. She asked about the famous detective, and he explained that he is dead. She replied, "So they made a shirt out of him?" ... **Sign outside** a church: "You've seen the movie; now read the book" ... **Bumper sticker:** Dyslexic devil worshippers give all their money to Santa ... **On Thursday**, April 1 at 7 p.m., Southwestern Oregon-based Oxygen Collective will visit the Takilma Community Bldg. as the first of 15 stops during a 24-day tour. The intent is to organize opposition the Bush Administration's proposal for logging in the Biscuit Fire area.

LAST WORDS - Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt. (Abraham Lincoln)

Judge rejects request by lawmakers on same-sex

A Multnomah County judge last week rejected the petition of 15 state legislators to intervene in the county's same-sex marriage lawsuit.

The legislators, representing a half-million Oregonians, urged the court to allow their intervention in the lawsuit in order to give the voice of Oregonians a chance to be heard. In addition to representation, the involvement of these legislators "would add much needed accountability to a process that may seem to be compromised due to the expedited briefing schedule."

State Rep. Dennis Richardson (R-Central Point) stated, "The definition of marriage is a matter of public policy and it is

the province of the Legislature to decide if and when to change that policy, not the courts."

The Defense of Marriage Coalition urged the court to honor this petition for involvement, not only for the rights of the legislature's constituents, but for the accountability it would bring to the process as a whole.

"The people, not the Courts, must have the ultimate say in an issue that has such lasting ramifications," said Mike White of Defense of Marriage Coalition.

"We agree wholeheartedly with the intentions of these legislators and are extremely disappointed that the courts have denied this request."

The Illinois Valley Lions Club Crab Feed has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 due to circumstances.

We're Moving!

CONE TEN POTTERY

We will be at our **NEW DIGS**

25895 Redwood Hwy (199)
(Just north of Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.)
Thursday, April 15
592-4646

Realtors help outpatient facility in Grants Pass

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building a house in Grants Pass. Then they presented the idea to TRCH board members. They approved the idea, and decided to dedicate land they already owned to use for the project.

"The people who will benefit (from the new house) will be patients and their families from out of town; particularly those undergoing radiation therapy in our cancer center," said Welch. "Generally, the regimen for cancer treatment involves therapy at least five days a week, seven weeks at a time.

"It becomes very wearing on patients who have to travel back and forth from out of town," she said.

"If someone needs care from Cave Junction where transportation could be an issue, and they (for instance) have surgery in the morning, they would have a place to stay so they don't have to travel so far.

"Housing will be provided at no charge for patients who can't afford to pay. Otherwise, there will be a sliding scale fee with a \$25 cap for people who can afford to pay for housing," she said.

I.V. Volunteer Firefighters to the Rescue

Friday, March 19

*12:48 p.m., medical aid 200 block Sanmarkand Drive.

*12:52 p.m., medical aid 100 block W. Palmer Street.

Saturday, March 20

*10:56 p.m., vehicle fire 1200 block Lone Mountain Road.

Sunday, March 21

*9:18 a.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA) 1300 block Deer Creek Road.

*2:14 p.m., medical aid 25600 block Redwood Hwy.

*10:39 p.m., medical aid 9900 block Caves Hwy.

Tuesday, March 23

*3:27 a.m., medical aid 27700 block Redwood Hwy.

*1:51 p.m., district-wide medical standby.

*12:16 p.m., MVA Redwood Hwy/Lakeshore Drive.

Thursday, March 25

*11:32 a.m., medical aid 700 block Waldamar Road.

Letters

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the economy of Tillamook with the 50/50 plan. Examples of money raisers - at the Avalon Hotel in Portland dinner with Yvon Chounard, co-founder of Patagonia Sportswear, cost \$125 per ticket. Another example: a \$50 per person dinner and auction at the Refectory in Portland.

Now I must wonder why the Rainforest Coalition opposes a plan that creates habitat out of the Tillamook Burn?

Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.

- Satchel Paige -



Dawn Welch of TRCH (Photo by Shane Welch)

The new house will be constructed on a 2.5-acre parcel, donated by TRCH, next to Southgate Cinema on Ringuette Street in Grants Pass. Site development and architectural design were donated by Moon Mayoras architectural firm; designers of TRCH.

The one-story building containing 6,500 square feet of space will feature patient living quarters to include six private rooms (complete with bathrooms), and one suite to

accommodate larger families who have children.

"There will be an RV park on the site with six slots. Of 10 times, you can see an RV parked in our parking lot for days at a time. The nice thing about having the facilities for RVs is that there will be

external bathroom and shower facilities they can use," said Welch.

"Instead of having individual areas, we decided to make the kitchen, living room, and laundry facilities shared," she said.

"The reason for that is it's been proven that people who are there for many different reasons, find support in each other. By cooking and eating together, they can share their stories, develop friendships, and provide each other mutual support," Welch said.

Funding for the project will depend primarily on donations from the community. GPAR has already pledged \$100,000 to name the building.

"The point is to make the house an affordable, comfortable place for patients and their families to stay," said Welch. "Mainly, it will be a supportive environment for patients and families while receiving care at TRCH," Welch said.

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LUNCH FOR TWO
(11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Buy one meal at regular price get 50% OFF *2nd meal with this coupon.
(*equal or lesser value - Coupon valid until Thursday, April 8)

Family Fixin's - Veggie Style

Concerned about heart attacks?
Want to know some delicious ways to lower your cholesterol?

Then plan to attend the
Health & Cooking Class
every Thursday evening in April at 6:30 p.m.
at the Seventh-day Adventist Church
265 South Old Stage Road in Cave Junction

*Sample tasty dishes at every class
*See food-prep demos
*Learn easy health tips

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