

Here, There & Everywhere

HAM JAM - A class for obtaining a ham radio operator's license will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 in CJ City Hall. Classes will be held Wednesdays and Fridays through April with testing set for May 5. There is a fee. For information, contact Jim McNutt (WA6OTP) at (541) 479-5630.

PLASMA PROJECT - American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St., on Thursday, April 8 from 1 to 6 p.m. Phone (800) 448-5433 to schedule a donation.

CLAY RATTLE SKIT - Performances of a myth, created by participants of the Clay Rattle Project, will be presented during the season-opening Art Walk in Downtown CJ on Friday, April 9 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Cone 10 Studios, 360 Caves Hwy.

ARTISAN GATHERING - The Southern Oregon Guild, a nonprofit artisan education group, is sponsoring a public workshop on marketing strategies on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the county building in CJ. There is a fee. Phone Tom Turtle at 592-6824 for more information.

SPRING MARKET - Booths rentals are available for the Illinois Valley Family Coalition (IVFC) Spring Market on Saturday, May 1 at 535 E. River St. in Cave Junction. The market will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and feature handmade crafts, plants, fine art and live music. Funds will directly support IVSC services. Phone 592-6139, Ext. 303 for more info.

ROGUE FLOAT - Reservations to float the wild section of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Foster Bar are being given away via telephone. Phone (541) 479-3735.

OFF-ROAD TOADS - A solutions-oriented field trip to examine off-road damage at the Eight Dollar and Day's Gulch areas will be held on Wednesday, April 14. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at the I.V. Ranger District office, and bring water and lunch, as the outing will run until noon. Some space might be available in one forest service vehicle.

ART IN '05 - Rogue Community College is seeking entries for the 2005 exhibit season. Artists at least 18 can sign up. There is a processing fee. The deadline for submission is Saturday, May 1. Phone Tommi Drake at (541) 956-7240.

WOODCOCK 'WALK' - Naturalist Greg Bennett will lead a Siskiyou Project-sponsored hike past the Woodcock Fen up to Woodcock Mountain on Saturday, April 10. Participants should bring plenty of water, lunch, and hiking shoes. Hikers should meet at Coffee Heaven at 10 a.m.

NOTEPAD - Rogue Community College presidential candidates are being interviewed by the RCC Board of Education, which will announce its choice of a new president on April 20...**The Oregon Fire Marshals Association** reminds those who live in wildfire areas to do some spring cleaning outdoors to protect their homes this summer...**Lovejoy Hospice** received a \$5,000 grant from the Ford Family Foundation to help complete a Field Staff Technology Project which will provide nurses and social workers the use of laptop computers while working with patients.

LAST WORDS - Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Letters

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to a conflict of interest with the Lions Club motto, "We Serve," desiring to withdraw from association with anyone they don't feel supports this motto.

Being one of the councilmen responsible for the decision to implement the use fees they are concerned about, I feel the need to explain my reasoning behind the decision.

My feeling is that since the park maintenance was paid for by the taxpayers in the city limits, and many events benefit the whole valley, it would be inappropriate to use my position on the council to decide which charity taxpayer money should go to.

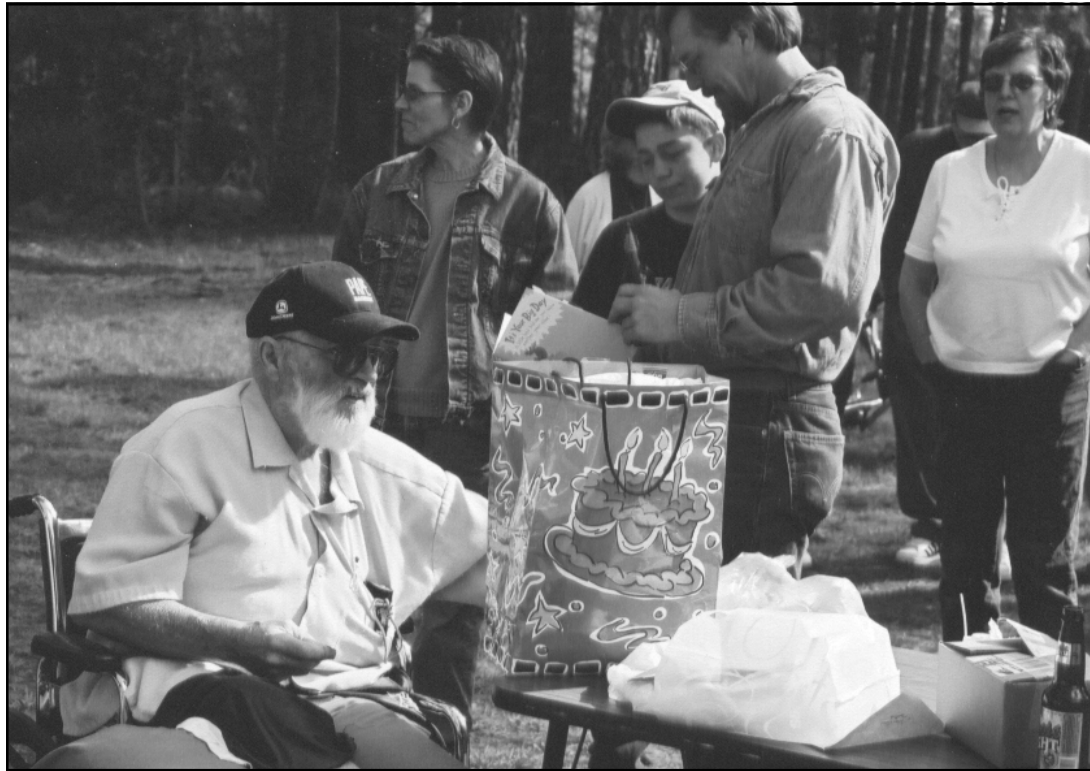
I did vote in favor of a fee that would represent actual cost to the city of making the park available. I am disappointed that both letters have made it appear the city is making a profit from these fees, as it is not.

I sincerely regret the accusations against the morals and ethics of those who donate their time to serve on the city council. Though both Lions Clubs in the valley have made these accusations, I will not let that deter me from continuing to support my community.

I have made out a check for \$150 payable to the city of Cave Junction to cover the cost of the CJ Lions use of the park for its event. A representative of the club is welcome to pick it up at Crossroads Animal Hospital if they simply agree to have a sincere discussion at their next meeting regarding their motto and code of ethics, particularly the section which states, "To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy... To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward..."

Although these accusations will not make me stop volunteering my time on the city council, they certainly do not encourage me to do so. I ask that they determine if these accusations are in keeping with their own code of ethics. If not, perhaps they can consider ways they can better keep these ethics.

I am not asking the Lions to agree with me on every issue, but simply to agree to disagree at times without continuing accusations of animosity and unwillingness to serve. I hope they accept my offer.



'ZORRO' BIRTH OBSERVED - John 'Zorro' LaRue, (left) an O'Brien resident, was honored with a party for his 70th birthday on Saturday, March 27 at 'The Lions' Den' at Illinois Valley Airport. Approximately 75 persons attended the gathering; some from as far away as Brookings. LaRue is recuperating from a Labor Day motorcycle accident following the I.V. Lions Club parade in Cave Junction. (Photo by Joy Taylor, LaRue's daughter)

Man found 24 hours after crash

More than 24 hours after his pickup truck veered off Redwood Hwy. into thick timber, a Brookings man was found on the side of the road near Illinois Valley, covered with blood and mud.

Jared Lee Johansen, 22, suffered a laceration on his head when the 2000 Nissan Frontier he was driving careened off the road into a ravine on the north side of the highway near the top of Hay's Hill Friday morning, April 2.

Johansen apparently crawled some 40 feet from where his vehicle ended up in the ravine. A passerby noticed him around 2 p.m. Saturday lying alongside the road, according to the Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

Johansen was released from Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass on Sunday, April 4.

According to Illinois Valley Fire Dept. (IVFD), Johansen's northbound vehicle crossed all four traffic lanes, became airborne and clipped a tree. There were no skid marks, which suggests that Johansen fell asleep at the wheel.

IVFD, sheriff's deputies, and American Medical Response responded to the scene.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 8
*Munchable lunch, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, super sub sandwich, garden salad

FRIDAY, APRIL 9
*Nachos, hamburger, cheese stix, turkey & cheese sandwich, chicken Caesar salad, ice cream

MONDAY, APRIL 12
*Bean & cheese burrito, hamburger, cheese pizza, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, chef salad

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
*Sloppy Joe, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, ham & cheese sandwich, garden salad

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
*Hot diggity dog, hamburger, cheese pizza, poor boy sandwich, Cobb salad

Please don't litter!

Spring is coming...?

...leave the babes in the woods

If you see a baby bird on the ground, put it back in the nest or on a nearby branch. Babies taken from their mothers almost always die. If you love baby wildlife, leave them alone.

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