



Dennis Kucinich and supporter Libby Goines at Blue Moon Café. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

Presidential candidate Kucinich decries war

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“War is not inevitable. “We are in Iraq because we have leaders that believe that war is inevitable,” said Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich during a speech at Blue Moon Café on Friday, May 14 in Downtown Cave Junction. More than 100 people packed into the café just before noon to hear the Ohio congressman present his speech, “Freedom and Democracy.”

Kucinich outlined his campaign, stressing his desire to make the Democratic party understand what he feels Oregonians want in a Democratic candidate.

“I decided to run so that people who vote for me will have a way to send a message to the (Democratic) party about what they hope the party will stand for,” he said. “The only way Democrats are going to win in November is to give people a clear choice,” said Kucinich.

Those who attended asked questions and expressed concerns about health care, his campaign, and the war in Iraq.

“I challenged the war from the beginning,” he said. “I’m not buying the war, no matter who’s selling it,” he said. “We need to have this party take a

strong stand on the issue of peace. If we don’t do that, there are tendencies of some people within the party to keep us in Iraq.”

Although the current race shows presidential candidate John Kerry clearly in the lead over Kucinich, he wanted his supporters to know that he is still running strong for the primary election.

“My candidacy understands that the direction of nomination was decided in Iowa and New Hampshire,” he said. “I’m here in Oregon campaigning because I see that your votes make a difference.

“The Democratic party has the ability to win this election if it reaches out to people (such as those) who voted for Ralph Nader, to the people who are green (and other parties)...we need to reach out to them and bring them in,” he said.

His one-hour presentation was met with overwhelming applause and support from the crowd.

“I think it is important that his views be heard and represented,” said Orville Camp, Selma resident. “I think the congressman is really a leader as far as any of the candidates are concerned,” he said.

There was also a silent auction all day at Blue Moon to benefit the Kucinich campaign.

Annexation of site near Selma OK’d

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New residential property conditionally was voted 5-0 into Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) coverage area by district directors during a meeting Thursday night, May 13 in Cave Junction City Hall.

The property owners, Robert and Marianne Parsons, of Selma, made an official request in writing to the district in April to include their property. It’s located at 14105 Hay’s Hill Road (old Redwood Hwy.).

The property runs adjacent to other properties already designated within the fire district boundary.

Chief Harry Rich said, “We beat Grants Pass Rural/Metro to that response area anyway, so I recommend adding the property.”

Jerry Schaeffer, fire marshal, noted that the property is within five miles of the nearest station, and that there are properties the district covers on Thompson Creek in Selma that are much farther away than the pending annexed property.

The board approved the annexation with the stipulation that the district ensures the property owners are within the district’s fire protection tax rules so that IVFD benefits from those taxes.

Campus News

UO Honors Sullivan

Lark Song Sullivan, of Cave Junction, attained the dean’s list at University of Oregon in Eugene by earning a grade-point average of no less than 3.75 while carrying at least 12 units during the semester.

Sullivan, a graduate of Illinois Valley High School, is a senior majoring in Spanish.

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Irene Guerrero-Acevedo and husband ‘Kiki.’ (Photo by Shane Welsh)

New Farmer’s Insurance open in CJ

Irene Guerrero-Acevedo owner and agent of office on Lister Street

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There’s a new Farmer’s Insurance office in Cave Junction for Illinois Valley, with owner and agent Irene Guerrero-Acevedo “working to represent the community’s insurance interests.”

The new office is at 103 N. Redwood Hwy./ Suite A behind Century 21 Harris & Taylor, next to Ted Crocker LTC. It is open Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a professional agent available “to answer even the most demanding insurance needs.”

Guerrero-Acevedo, has been in Cave Junction for more than 16 years, recently marrying Efrain “Kiki” Acevedo, who has

been very supportive of her new business venture. Many know him for his work at Carlos Mexican Restaurante.

She is no stranger to the importance of having the proper insurance should the need arise.

“In 1993, my children and I were involved in a auto accident,” she said. “I remember the first thing I wondered was if we had paid our insurance premium. Thank goodness we had, or we would have been in a lot of trouble,” she said.

“I have worked more than nine years in Cave Junction helping people understand the importance of their insurance decisions,” she said. “People who live here know me as

‘the insurance girl.’ I want them to know I that I am now a Farmer’s Insurance representative who will do my best to present them with coverage that will meet their needs.

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“If our premium rates don’t meet a customer’s needs, then I will be sure to send them where they can get that coverage,” said Guerrero-Acevedo.

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