

Here, There & Everywhere

SELMAC VETERANS MEMORIAL - To honor men and women who served in the military during World War II, American Legion Post 70 will host a celebration at Lake Selmac Boy Scout Area on Saturday, May 29, on the east side of the lake near the day-use pavilion. There will be children's games, music, and barbecued chicken served from noon to 1:30 p.m. for a fee. A program to honor veterans will begin at 2 p.m. There will be a raffle drawing for a 16-foot drift boat at 3 p.m.

BISCUIT BAKE-OFF - Friends of the Rogue-Kalmiopsis (FoRK) will host a biscuit bake-off at the Selma Community & Education Center on Saturday, May 29 at 2 p.m., followed by judging, music and dinner. There is a fee for admission.

MEMORIAL VETERAN SERVICE - Eagle Point National Cemetery will host its 2004 Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. In addition to the regular service, there will be a laying of wreaths by veterans and civil groups, a 21-gun salute, and a fly-over by Oregon National Guard aircraft. Eagle Point High School Band will provide music.

HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT - Lovejoy Hospice is offering a free Beyond Loss Grief Support Group on Wednesdays, June 2 to Aug. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church in CJ. Contact Barb Knox at (888) 758-8569 to register or for information. Hospice will also host a day-long workshop, "Care-giving: Life Changes," with author Beth McLeod on Friday, June 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. There is a fee for the workshop.

IVHS BASKETBALL CAMP - IVHS Cougars boys basketball program will conduct a training camp on Monday, June 14 to 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Ken Mann Gym at IVHS for students going into grades seven to 12. There will be games, contests, awards and prizes. A fee includes a camp T-shirt.

FATHERS PROGRAM - Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley is planning to offer a series designed to encourage fathers to take an active role in the life of their children. For more information on this or any other program offered at the center, contact 592-6058 or e-mail PregnancyCenter@cavenet.com.

NOTEPAD - Letter carriers collected slightly more than 34,000 pounds of food in Grants Pass and Josephine County, the biggest food drive in the history of the National Association of Letter Carriers in our community ... **What is a lion's favorite food?** Barbecued beings ... **Lovejoy Hospice** will present, "Nutrition: Helpful Hints for Patients and Care-Givers," in a "brown bag" program on Monday, June 14. Phone (888) 758-8569 to register.

LAST WORDS - If men were angels, no government would be necessary. (James Madison)

Shining Stars Fest coming June 4 to 6

Three days of live music; arts, crafts and food booths; and free workshops will be parts of the third annual Shining Stars Festival at Lake Selmac from Friday through Sunday, June 4-6.

The festival, which will run from 10 a.m. to midnight daily, is sponsored by The Shining Stars, "a grassroots not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of the children of Illinois Valley."

There is an admission charge. It can be paid at the gate, or contact www.shiningstarsfestival.com for information on obtaining tickets in advance. Information also is available by telephoning 592-2236.

There will be on-site fee camping, free parking, and children under 12 will be admitted free. Special prices are available for a full weekend of music and camping. Vendor spaces still are available, and there is a need for volunteer assistance.

The popular Kids Village will again be a festival feature. In addition, the Community Village featuring Erik Stiff will be included.

Correction

An incorrect e-mail address for Dink Trout Cameron was published in the "Lost Classmates" ad in the May 19 issue of 'I.V. News.'

The correct address is dink1979@earthlink.net.



CITIZEN SAFETY URGED - During the past several days, Illinois Valley firefighters have responded to a number of escaped debris burns including this one on Westside Road. The fire district urges residents to be fire safe. Phone 592-2121 or 592-2225 for information or fire safety advice. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

IVFD helps fight massive Merlin blaze

A three-alarm fire caused an estimated \$250,000 to a retail business, Longboard Lumber Co., on Haines Lane in Merlin, and the owner suspects arson.

Illinois Valley Fire District was among agencies asked to respond during the emergency. The first alarm, to Rural/Metro Fire Dept., occurred at 9:21 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, with second and third alarms following closely because of the huge amounts of smoke and flames.

There was concern initially that the area would have to be evacuated because of the near proximity to large propane tanks that belong to Blue Star Gas Co.

Business owner Paul Burch said he valued inventory losses at \$200,000;

and structural damage at approximately \$50,000. The Oregon Fire Marshal's Office was investigating the cause of the blaze.

More than 50,000 gallons of water were used to douse the flames. Some 40 firefighters from five agencies worked to quell the

conflagration. Besides Rural/Metro and I.V. Fire, firefighting agencies were from Grants Pass, Rogue River and Applegate.

American Medical Response, Pacific Power, and Josephine County Sheriff's Office also responded.



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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.

Question: "My cousin's mother-in-law had hospice care from Medford. How is that?"

Answer: The hospice care in Josephine County is provided by one of three agencies: Three Rivers Community Hospital Hospice, Providence Hospice, and Lovejoy Hospice. Each person has the choice of the hospice they want to care for them. Medicare covers the hospice care for all three hospices. Some private insurances may require that a "preferred provider" hospice be used and if a different hospice is chosen, the person may have to pay for part of their hospice care. It is important that each person who needs hospice care receives it rather than dying alone.


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