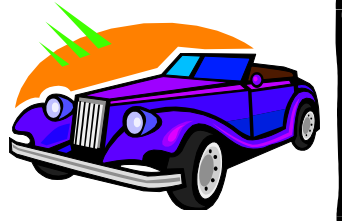


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Domingo Ramirez

## Reward at \$10,000 for 'lost' man

The family of a 21-year-old Cave Junction man reported missing June 8 is offering a \$10,000 reward for information concerning his whereabouts.

Family members became concerned after Domingo Company-Ramirez, 21, did not return as expected from a one-day camping trip to Kelly Lake, on the Oregon-California border. Ramirez is described as 5-10, 140 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and a goatee. He was driving a emerald green 1997 Oldsmobile Bravada with Oregon license plate VHN491.

Ramirez' dog, a female pit bull, was found by family members at Page Mt. Snow Park. A veterinarian found the animal had been shot twice with a .22-caliber gun. It has survived, and the bullets from its body have been saved.

His camping equipment was found by a family friend approximately 100 yards from where the dog was located.

Josephine County Search and Rescue was called in after the dog was located. Members searched for approximately three days before abandoning the effort.

Search efforts were assisted by Cave Junction resident Bill Coultas, a helicopter pilot, who flew an Oregon National Guard ship. He was praised by the missing man's mother for his dedication.

She added that it's possible the vehicle was seen in Crescent City, Calif., and her father is in that area searching.

"We're not giving up," she said. "We believe my son is alive, but we fear for his safety."

Anyone with information is asked to phone Ramirez's mother, Yvonne Company, at (541) 597-4005 or Josephine County Sheriff's Office at (541) 474-5123.



**HOW HOT!? - The Evergreen Federal Bank sign in Cave Junction read 103 just before this photo was taken on Thursday, June 17. Summer seems to be here.**

## Big Bluegrass festival in valley seeking help

By PAM COOPER  
Special to 'I.V. News'

Due to the national and local interest shown in Bluegrass in recent years, it is coming to Illinois Valley in a big way.

The first Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival, a family event co-sponsored by Oregon Bluegrass Association, Home Valley Bank, and Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., will be held Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Trout Pavilion, Lake Selmac in Selma as a fund-raiser for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Other sponsors include Evergreen Federal Bank, Radio KRRM-FM (94.7), Wendy Huber Graphics, CJ 1-Hour Photo, and Southern Oregon Sanitation.

Five of the area's best pickin' and singin' Bluegrass bands - "Jefferson," "Dale Hopper & Friends," "Sequoia," "Finger Pickin' Good," and "Siskiyou Summit" - are already signed on, and a sixth is interested in performing. There will be two band scrambles, and a raffle of a Martin Backpacker guitar, donated by Cripple Creek Music of Ashland in cooperation with the Martin Guitar Co.

For a band scramble, there will be a hat for each instrument, plus one for singers. Players put their names on a piece of paper and toss it into their instrument hat. A name will be drawn from each hat and announced, and those players will have time to get

together and discuss their "band," then perform together an hour or so later.

Food and beverages will be available or attendees can bring their own picnics. Admission will be charged, with children younger than 5 admitted free; raffle tickets will be available on-site. Watch for Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival posters and advertisements in the next few weeks.

### Straw bales, generator, volunteers sought for chamber event.

Currently, we need a 50- to 80-kw generator, and 25 to 30 bales of straw (not hay).

Those interested in volunteering can phone the chamber office at 592-3326, or Pam Cooper at 659-1990. Those who wish to support this event can send donations to I.V. Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 312, Cave Junction OR 97523, and mark their donation for Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival.

Chamber members coordinate and support Concerts in the Park, the Downtown Christmas Decorating contest, Business and Citizen of the Year awards, the former Illinois River Valley Celebration, the Wild Blackberry Festival, and the Christmas Parade.

New members and energy are always welcome. Meetings are on second Tuesdays at Wild River Pizza & Brewing Co. in CJ at noon.

## Blackberry Fest set Aug. 14-15

The weekend of Aug. 14-15 is set for the annual Blackberry Festival in Downtown Cave Junction, according to a spokesman.

In the "Valley Visitor" in last week's issue, the dates printed are correct, but the word "tentative" was used.

## Greenpeace irks agency

A letter of authorization for a Greenpeace site on public land in Josephine County has been revoked by the Bureau of Land Management's Medford District Office.

BLM took its action on Thursday, June 17 because "Greenpeace illegally blocked a nearby public road (near Glendale); interfered with a legal, active timber sale; and allowed use of tree stands by members of the public, all of which constitute a breach of agreement between BLM and Greenpeace."

Greenpeace, said BLM, has occupied the site in Josephine County for its "education encampment" since June 1. BLM had extended the use by 15 to 30 people on June 14, pending consideration of a request for a special recreation permit.

"The recent Greenpeace actions represent a violation of the trust which had been developed during

(earlier) discussions," said Joan Resnick, BLM field manager for the Glendale Resource Area. She "felt very disappointed that the original attitude of cooperation had been abandoned."

The letter revoking the "education encampment" occupation specified that it "must be removed within 48 hours after receipt." BLM also returned the application for a special recreation permit to Greenpeace and asked that more complete information be provided so that BLM could fully evaluate the effects of such a camp.

According to a statement in the Medford "Mail Tribune," "Greenpeace activists, who insist they didn't violate the agreement, say they haven't yet decided what to do about the station.

"But they will continue their campaign to stop old-growth logging on public land, they say."



### Classic car show in Cave Junction Saturday, June 26

Jubilee Park will be full of classic motor vehicles on Saturday, June 26 from noon to 4 p.m. during the Cave Junction Lions Club annual event. Spectators are admitted free. Vehicle registration will run from 8 to 11 a.m., with a CJ Lions Club breakfast during the same time. Joanie Welcome (left), event chairman, hold the 48-by-58-inch American car quilt donated by Tender Treasures, with club president Darrell Allen. The 1934 Ford Phaeton (rear), owned by Dennis Reviea, will be among show entries. For additional information see the ad on page 2.

## 'Can't see the forest for the trees'

### Not putting Oregon's forests to work may cause world enviro problems

By OREGON  
DEPT. of FORESTRY

It is easy to understand how a discussion about our trees can evoke emotional feelings, as they have come to represent so many things to so many people.

Despite this wide range of values, Oregonians do share a common desire: They want trees to be part of their lives and their children's lives forever. Whether a city dweller, farmer, timber operator, naturalist, family forestland owner, etc.; Oregonians have a heartfelt desire to protect our forests and the environment over time.

Though our environmental commitment easily slips off our tongues, it's a far more difficult and complicated matter to figure out how to actually achieve the sustainability of our forestlands. Besides considering the economic, environmental and social benefits that forests provide in Oregon, we have to understand how the decisions we make about our

forests affect other areas of the globe as well.

The adage, "can't see the forest for the trees," certainly seems to apply when we believe that by not harvesting trees in Oregon we are protecting the environment. That's because by opposing "sustainable" forest management in Oregon, we are choosing to import wood from somewhere else and

### State could be sending environmental burdens to other global areas

exporting our environmental burdens to areas of the globe with lesser standards in place to protect forests and manage them sustainably.

Oregon, on the other hand, has forest practice rules and regulations that are among the strictest and most comprehensive in the world. And, unlike many other countries, Oregon also has a "Forest Activity Safety Code" that protects the health and safety of our

forest workers.

The sustainability of forests in developing countries is most at risk. Between 1980 and 1995, the world's forests were reduced by 12 million hectares per year, or 30 million acres. During this same time, the amount of forestland in industrialized countries increased by 20 million hectares. Fortunately, more than 90 percent of the forestland that was in Oregon 400 years ago remains today.

And if you include juniper woodlands, Oregon's forestlands have actually increased.

Oregon's landmark land-use laws have helped keep our forestlands intact, while in many other states, forests are often being converted to nonforest uses.

Interestingly, the United States uses approximately one-third of the industrial wood products produced around the globe, although we have only 5 percent of the world's population.

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**O'BRIEN STRUCTURE FIRE -** Damage was estimated at \$5,000 to a garage and \$10,000 to its contents at 695 Lone Mt. Road in O'Brien following an alarm at 6:34 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, said Illinois Valley Fire District. The 16-by-30 garage with a 12-by-12 addition was in flames when the alarm was given. The owner is William Woodbury, said IVFD. Cause is under investigation. Nine fire rigs, including two water tenders responded. (Photo by Dale Sandberg/I.V. Fire District photographer)