Here, There & Everywhere

VIETNAM MEMORIAL - The National Vietnam Memorial "Moving Wall," dedicated to those who died in service during the Vietnam War, will be on display at Riverside Park in Grants Pass from Thursday, June 24 through Sunday, June 27.

FOOTBALL BAKE SALE - Lorna Byrne Middle School football team is having a car wash, bake sale and yard sale at Sterling Savings Bank in Cave Junction on Saturday, June 26. The Vikings need clean items for the yard sale. For pick up or donation, contact Sarah Nichols at 592-6142 or Lola Reynolds at 592-4572.

FAMILY FLY DAY - Rogue Valley Flyers are having an Open House at the Josephine Sky Park, 905 Kerby Mainline Road, on Sunday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be opportunities to try the controls of a radio-controlled airplane or learn more about Rogue Valley Flyers. There will also be a raffle drawing for a radio-controlled airplane.

NOTEPAD - I.V. Senior Center is having a yard sale on Saturday, July 3; see ad in this issue...**Oregon Tourism Commission** is offering free customer service training. Register by Thursday, June 24 by phoning IVCRT at 592-4440...

LAST WORDS - A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)





Letters to the Editor

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cost taxpayers more than \$40 million.

The forest service wants to help the forest recover. It doesn't need our help, it's already recovering naturally. Reports show that the Siskiyou National Forest has a poor success rate in reforestation attempts in areas with living trees that provide shade. Some areas show six of seven trees they planted died.

If salvaged, the Biscuit area will become a virtual desert. The reports also show a history of excess damage to live trees and high levels of slash left which increases fire damage.

I support the Siskiyou Restoration Plan that retains the ecological integrity of roadless areas and old-growth reserves; emphasizes restoration work; and allows harvest of up to 26 million board feet while creating 400 long-term jobs.

Park controversy From Ellis Couron Cave Junction

I have watched with interest the controversy between the I.V. Lions Club and the city of Cave Junction over the property known as Jubilee Park.

On one side, we have the city that claims from its records that there is no evidence of the Lions Club ever having any say over the property or facilities at the park.

On the other side we have the Lions Club, which claims it is what's left of the Jubilee Park Association (JPA).

We know that JPA deeded the park to the city because the city managers say that is true, but they refuse to recognize that JPA and I.V. Lions Club are one and the same. The reason I suspect this is that the city is afraid it might lose some control of the park (the lathe house), and besides there is that pesky \$250 monetary benefit that could get lost. I have known Irv Whiting since he took over supervision of Pacific Power in this area from Larry Musil way back when. I saw him recently at the Cave Junction Post Office, where he told me that he came here from his retirement home in Arizona to support the claims of I.V. Lions Club. Most of you might remember Irv, who served as mayor of the city a time or two, and as a county commissioner, and who is a very nice guy, whom I'm sure came all this way just so he could tell lies to the city managers about the transfer of the park to the city. In the June 16 issue of "I.V. News," I see where the city managers are crying about vandalism at the CJ Pool and city landscape and bemoaning the fact that the residents should get involved in protecting city property. They have even offered a reward for information leading to the arrest of the culprits. A reward they want to collect \$250 at a time, from those charity organizations already trying to help the city, no doubt.

officials, politicians and timber advocates continue to talk about benefits of salvage harvesting in the Biscuit Fire Recovery Project while avoiding any mention of how the harvest plan will permanently handicap the travel industry in S.W. Oregon.

Even though the loss to the travel industry involves \$40 million every year, the subject of tourism in the Biscuit Fire Recovery Project has been avoided with a stubborn tenacity.

This overprint of silence equally seals out any mention of grass-roots efforts to use the Biscuit Fire as an extraordinary opportunity to contribute to a sustainable economic future for the community and S.W. Oregon.

The Biscuit Fire management staff is well aware of these grass-roots efforts, but their interest in working with local communities seems to be as easily swayed as a horse team with little flexibility to go anywhere but where they are directed.

As a result, the project now lunges ahead with a selected handful of passengers enjoying the ride as they roll over to the travel industry, an economic sector repeatedly identified as the number-one business development opportunity in Illinois Valley.

You don't have to wait for the dust to settle to realize that the Final Environmental Impact Statement is a document that indisputably and officially excludes travel industry enterprise as a significant partner on public lands.

The members of our S.W. Oregon community who will be affected by this exclusion include a multitude of hospitality and related service businesses.

This not only applies to residents in our immediate community, but to businesses located along all travel routes feeding into the Hwy. 199 corridor in Oregon and California. equally entitled as any other industry to the use of public lands for their income, and if the Biscuit Fire management team was serious about creating a "balanced" document they should have devoted the same energy toward understanding the economic needs of the travel industry with as much enthusiasm as was invested in the wood products industry.

Residents in Cave Junction, who have been working on tourism planning for the valley, tried to help the forest service with this responsibility by providing written information, taking field trips and meeting with the forest service. They tried to help it understand what parts of the Biscuit Fire burn needed to be set aside for tourism development, a request that had no significant effect on the immense resources considered for release to the timber industry.

Travel proponents asked for a small piece of the Biscuit, and were barely given a crumb.

The Biscuit Fire planning team not only disregards the travel industry, but supports a proposal to permanently obliterate a travel story of compelling national significance and importance to tourism development.

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Illinois Valley and Josephine County Parks for welcoming the Iron Horse Rodeo.

Last weekend was our 12th year at Lake Selmac!



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A slamming door From Roger Brandt Cave Junction U.S. Forest Service



