Here, There & Everywhere

BENEFIT BARBECUE - Five main dishes, including a vegetarian choice, will be available at Taylor's Sausage Country Store on Saturday, July 17 during a benefit for Illinois Valley Family Coalition. The barbecue will run from 5:30 to 10 p.m. "Imbas" will play Celtic music from 6 to 9 p.m., and the coalition will hold a raffle drawing "of great prizes around 9 p.m." Advance tickets are available at the coalition office, 535 E. River St.

'EXTREME' FAMILY FUN - An I.V. "Extreme" family event will be held Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Activities will include sports, board games, water game competitions and more. Sign up for competition will begin at 10 a.m. There will be free live music and food hosted by Cross Quest Expeditions and various Illinois Valley churches.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - An alternative women's recovery meeting, sponsored by I.V. Safe House Alliance, will be held Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Resource Center, 535 E. River St. in Cave Junction. Women who cope with problems by using drinking, drugs, food, gambling or spending are encouraged to attend. Phone 592-2525 for more info.

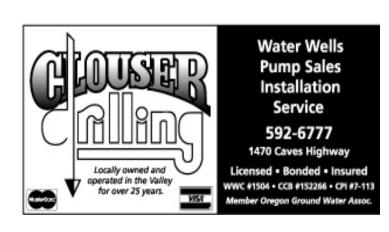
FRENCH FEST - Chef Daniel LeGrand will prepare a French dinner at Selma Community & Education Center on Saturday, July 17 at 6 p.m. Seating is by reservation only. Phone (541) 415-1000.

HEARTBEAT TOUR - A special Lovejoy Hospice "Heartbeat Tour" of the care facility in Grants Pass is offered to Illinois Valley residents on Wednesday, July 21 from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at 939 Eighth St. Phone (888) 758-8569 for a free ride.

WEED TOUR - The Josephine County OSU Extension office will offer a free "Weed Tour: ID and Control" class with Extension agents Steve Renquist and Shelby Filley, and ODA Weed Specialist Ken French on Thursday, July 22 at 10 a.m. The class will last approximately three hours at Josephine County Sportsman Park, 7407 Highland Ave. in Grants Pass. Attendees can bring weeds for identification. Phone (541) 476-6613 for more information.

NOTEPAD - A Dream Design display is at Blue Moon Café in Downtown CJ during July. Survivors of abuse, working with the I.V. Safe House Alliance, have created and are selling jewelry using recycled materials with the instruction and donation of the Arts Council. The project "provides economic opportunity and empowerment to the women the Alliance serves" ... Oregon Bankers Association recently elected seven new board members including Robert Ward, president/CEO of Home Valley Bank and Brady Adams, president/CEO of Evergreen Federal Savings ... Jean Shubert, of Cave Junction, won a hand-made doll house in a raffle during last weekend's alumni reunion festivities ... Holland Loop over Sucker Creek likely will get a new bridge via an ODOT grant of \$1.7 million for it and two other projects out of the valley ... Dome School Rangers program will receive \$8,109 from JoCo commissioners if they approve the request Wednesday, July 14 ... An I.V. Airport Business Incubator project could receive \$300,000 through a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Agreement if JoCo commissioners OK it July 14.

LAST WORDS - Do not bite at the bait of pleasure 'til you know there is no hook beneath it. (Thomas Jefferson)





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the enemy of Iraq is not the United States.

Nor is the United States the enemy of any nation seeking a peaceful co-existence on this planet.

We must also remember that the United States is comprised of people from all over the world, so it is a good example of what it appears many humans of the species are seeking. Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness. And lots of stuff.

By now it should also be clear that there are those of varying nature and degree within the species that would deprive us of these ideals. And our stuff.

Saddam Hussein is clearly one of those, and I might add that anyone who thinks the world was safer before Saddam's removal is deluding themselves. Are you safer sitting on a time bomb because you still hear it ticking?

The armed insurgency in Iraq coming out of the sand is comprised, it appears, of poor, frustrated, hungry souls without much hope; financed and armed by the vampires of a dead regime and whipped into frenzy by Mullahs preaching murder, mayhem and by their acts insulting Allah (as if) and all that is good, with no intent whatsoever to the cause of a peaceful world or a better

We must remember that these demented, twisted minds were always just below the surface and would have sooner or later found a reason and a way of attempting to legitimize their existence, much the same way that a great, highly technical military might wait for, or even create an excuse to test itself.

Whatever the hidden agendas, world leaders (huh?) might have, we the people need to realize how our everyday individual lives and actions affect the health of humanity and our Earth.

While there is absolutely no excuse for the behavior of some of the insurgents, it is not difficult to see how so much animosity can exist toward the United States. After all,

'Buzziness' a Selma plan ...

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lot of wood is being sold privately to other companies outside Illinois Valley that could otherwise be turned into useable products locally.

"We hope to attract people who are participating in sustainable forestry practices on their property," he said. "Folks would be able to get some of the wood products they need here rather than having to go to Grants Pass.

"Proceeds from sales would be used for projects within our community and aid continuation of SCEC.

"When we make a bid to purchase the mill, and if it is accepted, we will need \$75,000 for the down payment," said Hunt.

Funding for the \$300,000 purchase still has a long way to go. Additional money will be needed to keep the mill in operation. SCEC has been seeking grants from USDA, ECO Trust, and other private sources.

There will be a meeting Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at SCEC to gauge project support from the community and gather input as to how the mill could be used by SCEC.

the world struggles desperately for food and shelter, Americans (not all) have a tendency to mow down and pave over their amber waves of grain, and tear down their purple mountains majesty, and disgustingly and embarrassingly replace them with landfills and dumps. May God bless us all,

while most of the rest of

including the United States of America.

From Russell Ehrman **Cave Junction**

More Biscuit

In last week's issue

you printed my letter about the Biscuit Salvage Plan.

In the same issue, a letter-writer made the accusation that the current increase in letters opposing salvage is due to some Greenpeace action.

I want to go on record as saying that my letter is not in any way inspired by a group or organization.

I have done considerable research and have concluded that the plan has no basis in fact, and that all significant claims by the forest service are false.



To the following businesses for their generous donations of time and merchandise, and the special attention given us making Reunion 2004 a success. Your support is truly appreciated.

- * Blue Moon Cafe
- * Carlos Mexican & Seafood Restaurant
- * Cascade Auto (Mike Trinity)
- * Cave Junction Cares
- * Caves Pharmacy
- * Century 21 Harris & Taylor (Jim Frick)
- * Child's Play
- * Darn Near Everything
- * Evergreen Federal Bank * Foris Vineyard
- * Hair, Face & Nail Place
- * I.V. Building Supply
- * I.V. Golf Club
- * 'I.V. News' * I.V. Senior Center
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- * I.V. Select Market
- * Shop Smart Food Warehouse
- * Sterling Savings Bank
- * Stevereno's Family Restaurant
- * Taylor's Sausage Country Store * The Tea Cozy/Book Exchange
- * Treehouse Florist & Gifts
- * Valley Bookkeeping
- * Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

Congratulations to Lacey Madden and Kim Hamilton, Class of 2004, who received our \$1,500 academic scholarship and \$1,500 vocational scholarship.

Amendments to the "Everything since (the Curry County case) has

Building limits examined

Rural Land Development Code (RLDC) intended to eliminate urban commercial and industrial land uses will be voted on.

The JoCo amendments will be put before the planning commission for a vote Wednesday, July 21 at 8 a.m. at the county courthouse in Grants Pass.

The amendments would limit the size of new structures within ruralzoned boundaries. New commercial uses would be limited to 3,500 square feet, and industrial uses to 40,000 square feet.

Representatives of the Land Conservation and **Development Commission** (LCDC) met at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction on Monday, July 12 to discuss with Illinois Valley residents the possibility of adopting amendments to the RLDC.

Among attendees were Rep. Gordon Anderson (R-Ore.), JoCo Commissioner Jim Riddle; and commission candidates Dwight Ellis and Jim Raffenberg.

Said LCDC's Lane Shudderly, "This decision is based on a 1986 Curry County court decision limiting the options for urban use of rural lands. This is an issue that counties are struggling with.

"The square footage limitation is being implemented as a way to define rural and commercial land use. You can't have urban use on rural land.

been a way to try to figure out by definition what is rural and what is urban," said Shudderly.

-Shane Welsh



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