

Here, There & Everywhere

WHEELS FOR LIFE - A “Wheels For Life” Bike-athon, presented by the Illinois Valley Section of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley, will be held Friday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. at Lorna Byrne Middle School track to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Co-coordinators are Scott Thornhill, Karen Garcia and the Keystone Club. All residents and businesses are encouraged to support this community effort, said Thornhill. For more information, phone 592-2163, Ext. 3045

LEGION SALE - American Legion Glenn Morrison Unit 70 will hold a benefit yard sale on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7 at 728 N. Old Stage Road from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will help District 4 President Ellie Buell go to the national convention in Nashville, Tenn. “Ellie” is a member of the Glenn Morrison auxiliary.

‘BARTER FAIRE’ MEET - Dome School will hold a volunteer meeting on Monday, Aug. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the school in Takilma to discuss its Hope Mountain Barter Faire scheduled in October. Phone 592-4458 for more info.

FAMILY RIGHTS - A public, free Lovejoy Hospice presentation, “Legal Rights of Families: Americans with Disabilities and Family Leave Acts,” is offered on Monday, Aug. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. at 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. Bob Rose, an ADA consultant, will discuss strategies on increasing sensitivity for people with disabilities and chronic and life-threatening illnesses, and ways to encourage awareness of legal rights and accessibility to all aspects of society. Guests are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Phone (541) 474-1193 or (888) 758-8569 to register.

‘GONG SHOW’ II - A second talent “gong show” to benefit the I.V. High School football team will be presented at Taylor’s Country Store in Downton Cave Junction on Thursday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. There is a fee to register. Contact Home Valley Bank at 592-4663; or Taylor’s, 592-5358. The event is co-sponsored by Taylor’s and Home Valley Bank.

‘FIRST LOVE’ - Takilma Bible Church will host a concert featuring “First Love,” a musical ministry of hope from Uganda, Africa. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12 at the church, 10343 Takilma Road.

NOTEPAD - The final “Concert in the Park,” scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 5, is canceled due to lack of funding, notes I.V. Chamber of Commerce ... **The Blackberry Festival** scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15 in and around Downtown Cave Junction, will feature attractions including arts and crafts, games, live entertainment and lots of blackberry goodies. Watch next week’s issue for a schedule and more details. For more information, phone 592-2538 or 592-4920 ... **A support fund** for Alyvia Miller has been established at SOFCU. Alyvia, daughter of Cindy and Matt Miller, recently injured her eye in an accident. Those wishing to contribute to her fund can do so at SOFCU.

LAST WORDS - Never eat more than you can lift. (Miss Piggy)

Letters ...

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flow lines of production-distribution in the timber industry, not residents of this locale or the eco-systems here.

This area, including the 39 acres my family lives on, has already been logged several times. This land requires healing now, not more industry-style cutting, which favors resource extraction over co-operative co-evolution within the cycle of natural systems.

Broadly speaking, resource extraction itself is not necessarily the divisive issue. More often, it’s the way resources are taken that comes into question. People constitute only one of tens of thousands of participant groups in the life cycle here, yet the needs of people are given overwhelming priority and an overrated importance.

In general, I say that logging sacrifices the needs of many species to benefit one group of non-residents. That’s another obvious statement that is politely, yet firmly set aside during industry cuts. This “absentee model,” in my view, leaves the natural systems to flounder as best as they can, often within the aftermath of damage or devastation.

The concept of cooperative co-evolution with other species needs to be revived and set in motion again. As one of 10,000 groups who still share this sacred space, we still have that choice every day.

Instead of repeating what I say is the timber industry’s most glaring mistakes (relogging areas requiring healing), the West Fork project could designate the proposed grid for “eco-system rebuilding and revival” -- the R and R model -- leaving a door open for West Fork to become a quiet study area for those trying to fix the problems we have already created.

Horse help
From (name withheld)
Illinois Valley

I wonder where the concern is of the people of this valley regarding that skinny brown horse on Sauer’s Flat along Redwood Hwy.

This animal seems to need help. Maybe Animal Control should take a look.

RCC will hold manufacturing training class

Rogue Community College’s Workforce Training Center and Total Excellence in Manufacturing Inc. is offering a course, “Lean Manufacturing - How to Manufacture it Smarter to Deliver it Faster.”

The interactive presentation will feature a live simulation demonstrating how to eliminate bottlenecks; reduce cycle time; increase capacity; deliver on time; and improve quality, said RCC

The class will be held at RCC’s Redwood Campus, Bldg. J, Room 2 on Wednesday, Aug. 11 and Thursday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is a fee. Phone Bill Jiron at (541) 956-7500, Ext. 7905; or (541) 245-7905 for more information.

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Vice President Cheney visit

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equipment for U.S. troops in Iraq, after first supporting the equipment package concept. “When asked about it,” said Cheney, “Kerry said he was both for and against it.”

Later, the vice president noted that wishy-washy thinking has no place in the White House, “especially during these times.”

After his comment about the funding aspect, a woman identified as Linda Richard, of Peace House, shouted, “Lies, lies, lies.” She was escorted out of the building by security personnel.

Another protester, John Scharff, of Central Point, stood near the front of the stage, wearing a T-shirt that read, “F--- Bush Cheney Enron Halliburton Plutocrat at Work.” He apparently had another shirt over the T-shirt when he entered the building. Although contacted by Secret Service personnel, he was allowed to remain, apparently because he was not disruptive.

Supporters who had tickets for the area immediately in front of the stage waved miniature U.S. flags, and small red-white-and-blue pom-poms at many points during Cheney’s talk. Those items, as well as signs, were distributed as they entered the area. Signs included those that read, “Viva Bush,” “W Stands for Women,” “Law Enforcement for Bush,” and “Firefighters for Bush.”

The vice president, wearing blue jeans and an open-collar shirt, was introduced by his wife, Lynne. He stated opposition to partial birth abor-

tion, and noted his support for keeping “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. “We believe we are one nation under God,” he said, which brought an enthusiastic, positive reaction.

The crowd also voiced its approval of his comments about terrorism. “This is not an enemy we can negotiate with, we can reason with or appease,” he said. “This is an enemy, to put it quite simply, that we must vanquish. President Bush will never seek a permission slip to defend the security of this nation.”

He said that although Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq and the future of its 25 million people, “Today he’s in jail.” Cheney also listed removing the Tali-

ban from power in Afghanistan as an achievement of the current administration.

The vice president said that by the U.S. military’s work in Iraq and Afghanistan, it will prevent having to deal with another attack like the one on New York City. Showing the nation’s strength is important, he said, to keep terrorists at bay.

Cheney also said that during the next four years, the president would work to make permanent the tax cuts he’s already implemented.

Those attending booed several times, including when the vice president mentioned the recent Democratic National Convention.



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