

Here, There & Everywhere

COMMUNITY FIRE PLAN - Continuing public meetings for the Illinois Valley Community Fire Plan will be held by I.V. Fire District on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the following locations: Aug. 11, IVFD Fire Station 4, 5465 Holland Loop; Aug. 18, county building, 102 S. Redwood Hwy. in Downtown CJ. Volunteer Firefighter De Spellman, fire prevention coordinator, is leading meetings.

AFRICAN CHOIR - A musical ministry will be performed by "First Love," a group from Uganda, at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Road, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12. The group has performed in several countries.

BREAST SUPPORT - A community walk to help raise awareness about breastfeeding will be held Friday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. at the corner of Sixth and G streets in Grants Pass.

POOL LUAU - Cave Junction Pool Committee will host a benefit Hawaiian-style luau and silent auction Saturday, Aug. 14 from 7-9 p.m. The ticket price includes dinner featuring Hawaiian kabob, rice pilaf, fruit, green salad, punch and dessert. Tickets are available at the pool, Dillion's Nursery, Bi-Rite Auto Parts and CJ City Hall.

QUILT SHOW - I.V. Quilters will have a quilt show during Blackberry Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the county building, 102 S. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction. There will be a raffle drawing. Phone 592-2933 for entry forms or more information.

PRESERVATION CLASS - A class, "Food Preservation 101," will be offered in the Josephine County Auditorium on Friday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instruction with Sharon Johnson will include basic information about freezing, dehydration, pressure canning, and water bath canning. There is a fee. Contact the Josephine County OSU Extension office at (541) 474-6613 to register.

I.V. LIONS HORSESHOES - The 2004 I.V. Lions Club Labor Day Festival will feature a horseshoe tournament on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Jubilee Park. Cash prizes will be awarded. There is an entry fee. Phone 596-2719 to sign up or for more information.

PHONY INSURANCE - Before buying insurance, consumers should "stop, call and confirm," according to the Oregon Dept. of Consumer & Business Services. Fake policies with low prices are being pushed by unscrupulous organizations. Before committing to any "too-good-to-be-true" policy, consumers should phone (888) 877-4894.

NOTEPAD - Mike Pagnotta, Illinois Valley High School football standpoint who graduated this year, was selected to play on the East Team in the 2004 East/West Oregon Shrine All-Star football game held Saturday, Aug. 7 in Baker City ... **A business sign** in Grants Pass reads, Gas For Less/U-Haul ... **Military recruiters** now have signs on their offices that read, "Career Center" ... **Did you hear** about the guy who was so dumb he thought that Taco Bell was the Mexican telephone company?

LAST WORDS - Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip. (Will Rogers)

Letters ...

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hunger strike protests, by dropping me off at death's door (emergency room door to a hospital).

These same officials remain hidden behind a public relations stone wall of silence when it comes to investigating why my Internet website (www.arkenterprises.com) was recently shut down while traced to the same government/media, mind control/disinformation Internet operation named in a federal complaint made with the FBI's Medford office Nov. 2, 1997.

The sheriff's office possesses a false report officially filed and assigned case number 04-7529 in response to charges made by a woman.

I have openly acknowledged and encouraged Sheriff Dave Daniel to do his job, to investigate the false report and act on it, letting all stand under the same light of truth.

However, that light of truth is dimmed, if not damn near extinguished in JoCo, because government officials refused to follow the law and perform their sworn duty.

People of Josephine County should ask their elected officials why they refuse to act when real crimes are committed, yet stack our county jail with plea-bargain victims.

Resource report By Gregory D. Anderson Cave Junction

I tried to understand Linda Vogel's commentary in the Aug. 4 issue of "I.V. News," but I was flummoxed.

Then I realized that I am handicapped because when I graduated from college, a class in "Liberalspeak" was not available; it was not taught at that time.

I missed out on Ebonics as well. Realizing that there may be others educationally handicapped like myself, I made an attempt to interpret this piece.

First, Vogel lives on 39 acres with her family and 9,999 other groups. Actually, "tens of thousands" of other groups, including people who overrate their own importance. I take that to mean that some people actually think they are better than lizards and slugs.

Second, "resource extraction" has occurred on not only her property, but land nearby as well. Now, I had a tooth extraction a short time ago, so I figure that resource extraction has to be bad news as well.

Logging has also occurred in the area, only benefitting the human species except for one shapely lass, the "absentee model," who couldn't make it.

But Vogel doesn't want any logging to occur on her 39 acres. In fact she doesn't want any done on other people's property either; or "the concept of cooperative co-evolution with other species" would be ruined. I think I agree because that certainly sounds awful.

Finally, if the people who don't belong there ("nonresidents") get out, the religious ones can remain on this "sacred space" and get some rest and relaxation so they can study quietly.

Whew, that was more difficult than I thought it would be.



NEW PICNIC PAVILION - The city of Cave Junction has installed a new picnic pavilion that is handicapped-accessible in Jubilee Park. The pavilion replaced an old building that had been used for many years by Illinois Valley Lions Club. Because the tables are 3 inches 'too tall for comfort,' they will be changed. The city used a grant for the project under the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Shane Welsh photo)

New tours coming at Ore. Caves

Lantern tours and tours especially for children are in the works at Oregon Caves National Monument, 22 miles east of Downtown Cave Junction.

They're included in a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) relating to an Environmental Assessment (EA) of special cave tours at the monument. The document was signed by Jonathan Jarvis, National Park Service Pacific West regional director.

The EA considered alternatives including the basic public tours, lantern tours, off-trail caving, and special tours for families with small children.

The finding allows the addition of lantern, children's and special topic tours. But it defers off-trail tours until completion of the monument's cave management plan that is anticipated later this year or early 2005.

Changes to the basic tour and the new interpretive tours were proposed as part of the monument's General Management Plan completed in 1998.

The EA for the special cave tours was originally released for comment June 24, 2002. Tours covered by the finding may begin immediately, as staffing and funding permits.

A complete copy of the FONSI is available at <http://www.nps.gov/orca/pphtml/documents.html>, or write to Oregon Caves National Monument, 19000 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction, OR 97523 or phone (541) 592-2100.

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