

# Kerry ...

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digits. Throughout the campaign rally, volunteers sprayed water into the air, bringing temporary relief from the heat.

Before Kerry arrived, Florence resident Jim Rassmann, the U.S. Army Special Forces officer Kerry rescued while commanding a swift boat in the Mekong River delta in Vietnam, vouched for the candidate's courage under fire.

He also supported Kerry's decision to speak out against the war when the former Navy officer returned home in 1971 after being wounded three times.

"Do not ever let anybody tell you that you can't speak out if you disagree with your government," he said.

Several local politicians also warmed up the pro-Kerry crowd in the hot August afternoon.

State Rep. Alan Bates (D-Medford), who is running for a state Senate seat, told the crowd that Oregon could prove pivotal in November.

"We have the opportunity to settle this thing in Oregon," he said, prompting a roar from the crowd.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, the candidate's wife, noted that the last major Democratic presidential candidate to visit the Rogue Valley was President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

"I hope and pray that portends good news," she said, referring to the fact her husband's initials are also JFK.

President Kennedy did visit the Medford area during the 1960 presidential primary, but unlike Kerry, he was not yet the Democratic Party nominee. Democrat George McGovern campaigned in the area in 1972.

When Kerry spoke, he also mentioned the other JFK.

"Kennedy came to Southern Oregon and said we must do better, we must move forward," Kerry said, adding that he would do just that.

"We can do better in America and help is on the way," he added, a phrase he used several times during the half-hour speech, drawing another thunderous applause each time.

Kerry took issue with President Bush's tax cuts, arguing that they failed to create jobs and economic growth promised by the administration.

"Over the last four years, we were promised that tax cuts for the wealthiest individuals would create millions of new jobs," Kerry said. "Instead, we've lost jobs."

An estimated 1.1 million jobs have been lost since Bush took office, according to government reports.

"If you believe what (the Bush campaign) has been telling us, you'd think we've turned the corner," Kerry said.

"Too many of the Americans I've met over the last few weeks not only don't think we've turned the corner, they feel like they've been backed into a corner by the policies of the last four years," he added.

Kerry promised to protect Social Security and Medicare programs while working to ensure lower prescription drug costs for senior citizens.



Pat Hammer with Sterling Bank display (Photo by Shane Welsh)

## Longtime artist Hammer spotlighted by IVFA Inc.

By CASSANDRA NEWTON MILLER

Pat Hammer, of Cave Junction, has been chosen the Featured Artist for August to September by I.V. Fine Artists Inc.

The group meets on Mondays at the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. in the large room at the rear.

Hammer was born in Eugene, and moved to Illinois Valley in 1950. She graduated from I.V. High in 1953.

Fishing, camping and traveling are activities she enjoys, having recently returned from a month in Alaska. While there she enjoyed gathering wild flowers and said she took many photos for paintings she plans to attempt in oils or watercolors.

Hammer has been the chosen president of I.V. Fine Artists Inc., since approximately 1978, actively re-elected annually by the membership. She was also among those instigating creation of the club in

1971 which remains the "hub" of the art spirit in the community.

Local artists and patrons established a cultural art center in Kerby in 1978 with enthusiastic support by the community. Unfortunately, circumstances led to the sale of the property with the resulting proceeds remaining secured until needed. The interest is being dispersed in the community.

I.V. Fine Artists has been active in the arts and the community since 1971 and members enjoy working together and sharing ideas weekly at the Belt Bldg. in Kerby. Interested artists of all levels of expertise can join or visit any Monday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Artwork by Hammer will be on view through September at Sterling Bank in Cave Junction. For more information regarding the club and its activities, phone 592-3949 or 592-6351.

## OLCC says minor sales not minor

Store clerks cited for selling alcohol to a minor face a day in court, a \$350 fine, and mandatory re-training on ID checking and the state's liquor laws.

According to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), errant employees must complete the training within 45 days of notification.

The law applies to supermarkets, convenience and liquor stores and others licensed to sell packaged alcoholic beverages.

"It's a serious thing when a clerk sells alcohol to someone under age," said Teresa Kaiser, OLCC executive director. "With this training, we're making sure these folks are up to speed on the regulations and ID checking before they sell alcohol again."

During 2003, 57 employees completed the training and 52 left their clerk jobs before finishing the training. Clerks who continue to sell alcohol without training are subject to further legal action.

Licensees may send employees to a certified training program or ask OLCC to approve their in-house training.

Restaurant servers, bartenders and owners of liquor businesses are licensed by OLCC and receive administrative sanctions for sales to a minor, including fines or license suspension/cancellation.



HANDY ART - Multitalented artist Libby Goines of Singing Loom shows Kia Parrish-Haim the ins and outs of a string game during the Second Friday Art Walk in Downtown Cave Junction. Also see page 11. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

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