

Here, There & Everywhere

COOL POOL DAYS - The Shining Stars will sponsor two days of swimming at Cave Junction pool. Teen Night, Friday, Aug. 27: teens admitted for a small fee. Saturday, Aug. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., youths 18 and younger admitted free.

WEED WARRIORS - Forestry Action Committee will have a community weed pull in Downtown Takilma on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. Volunteers should bring tools, gloves and water. Contact Leeandra at 592-4098 for more information.

YOUTH WASH - Bridgeview Community Church youth group will have a fund-raising car wash from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28 at Oregon Caves Chevron in Cave Junction.

LIONS 'CADDY' - Illinois Valley Lions Club is selling a 1991 Fleetwood Cadillac to fund its scholarship program. Contact Ted Michaels at A+ Mini Storage, 592-6855.

NOTEPAD - I.V. Kwilters raffle winner was Max Terral of Yucaipa, Calif.; Peoples Choice awards went to Laurie Morrow of Cave Junction for her quilt "Born Again" and Nancy Hinds also of CJ for her quilt "Wild and Free" ... I.V. Sierra Club hosted an "All-American Barbecue" at Selma Community & Education Center (SCEC) on Saturday, Aug. 14. According to Bill Hunt, SCEC director, half of all proceeds benefited the club with the other half going into the SCEC fund ... **Three hole-in-ones** were scored recently at Illinois Valley Golf Course. Shirley Brick of Eagle Point knocked one in at hole 17, Kieth Byrd at hole 8, and Larry Hart at hole 4.

LAST WORDS - Slang is a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work. (Carl Sandburg)

McCaleb ...

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Council of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) with the stipulation that she be allowed to live there until her death. She died in 1994.

Before and after her passing, BSA used the ranch as a place for troops to camp, hike, picnic, and conduct youth "camporees" and other scout activities.

Unfortunately, the Biscuit Fire destroyed most of the ranch structures, including a 1915 caretaker's house, a barn, two smaller cabins near Rancheree Creek, and the scoutmaster's cabin. Flames also severely damaged a foot bridge and an open-faced Adirondack used as a bunkhouse.

John Krawczyk, civil engineer and assistant scoutmaster for Grants Pass Troop 23, has been working to restore the ranch. Projects include:

- *Rebuilding the 1,000-square-foot caretaker's house, using a photograph of the original Anderson home. Fire-resistant construction, including a metal roof and a Hardy board (fire resistant material) deck, will be used to help prevent damage in case of another fire.

- *Building a new barn with extra storage and stalls to house goats, chickens or other animals caretakers may want while staying at the ranch.

- *Erecting a new, open-faced Adirondack with bunks.

- *Constructing a picnic pavilion with a rest room and open deck on the site of the old scoutmaster's cabin.

- *Rebuilding the foot bridge across Rancheree Creek.

Prior to the 2002 Biscuit Fire, "BSA had recommended that there be a review of the property to determine whether or not to sell it," said Krawczyk.

This presented a problem because Mrs. McCaleb had requested that BSA never sell the property.

"Fortunately," said



The 1915 Anderson home, (below) also known as the caretaker's house at McCaleb Boy Scout ranch. The fireplace (above) is all that remained of the Anderson home after the 2002 Biscuit Fire. (Photos provided)



Krawczyk, "there was enough opposition in the BSA council to delay its decision whether or not to sell."

After the fire, new interest was sparked by BSA members, and a decision was made by its council in January this year to restore the ranch.

"We have obtained grants for nearly \$120,000 (which will be used for labor and materials)," said Krawczyk. "(Before beginning construction), we anticipated the cost estimate to total \$234,000," he said.

The original figure was derived using assess-

ments by Krawczyk and Scott Bigman, architect for the new caretaker's home. The total included all materials and labor required to complete the rebuild.

Although the project cost exceeded the original estimate, Krawczyk said the \$120,000 will likely be enough money, due to the generous support of volunteers who have donated "countless hours of their time, skills and materials to aid its completion."

The new McCaleb Ranch should be finished within the next two years.

"We want to get the house and the bridge built

by November (2004)," said Krawczyk. "We received approval by the council in January and began work (in June)."

However, donations are still needed. Those wishing to support the project can send checks payable to Crater Lake Council, 3039 Hanley Road, Central Point OR 97502. Write "McCaleb Reconstruction" in the "For" line on checks.

There is additional need for volunteers or materials and skills to aid construction. Contact Krawczyk at (541) 474-9795.

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Corrections

In the Wednesday, Aug. 18 issue of "Illinois Valley News:"

- *A page 7 article incorrectly said Roan McClure had two children that attended Illinois Valley High School. Only one son, Dallin, attended IVHS.

- *An obituary for Gerald L. Earl left out a son, Stephen Earl, who survives Mr. Earl.

An honest man can feel no pleasure in the exercise of power over his fellow citizens.
- Thomas Jefferson -

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