

Here, There & Everywhere

POETRY NIGHT - Blue Moon Café will present a night with Michael Spring, O'Brien poet and author of "Blue Crow." The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at the cafe, 119 Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction next to the state liquor store. "Open mike" for poets, writers, singers and other artists will follow.

GOOD GRIEF - Lovejoy Hospice is accepting enrollment for its fall "Good Grief" session. The program will begin Monday, Oct. 4 and run from 6 to 9 p.m. at 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. Sessions will continue Mondays at the same time until Dec. 6. Registration is for those aged 3 to 20. Any child who has experienced the death of a family member or friend can attend free of charge. Support groups for each age group, as well as parents, will be available. Contact Barbara Knox, bereavement coordinator, at (541) 474-1193 to register or for information.

SCEC YOUTH PROGRAM - The Selma Community & Education Center will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is to discuss a proposed children's after-school-and-summer-activities program to begin in summer 2005. For more info, contact Pamela Tennity at 597-2110.

NOTEPAD - Dome School Rangers after-school program restarted Tuesday, Sept. 14 for children 5 to 12. Phone 592-3911 for info ... **A "dust-devil"** whirlwind swept a 7th grade Lorna Byrne Middle School student off her feet while crossing the street in front of the school on Tuesday, Sept. 7, according to a report. It happened so fast that staff were helpless to do anything for the girl. Fortunately, she was dropped to the ground a moment later, it was reported ... **September is Gynecologic Awareness Month**, according to the Cancer Information Service ... **The Chocolate Bar**, billed as an old-fashioned soda fountain and candy store, is to open in Downtown CJ next to Rising Suns Gift Shop, according to a sign in the window ... **King's Chinese Cuisine**, although closed for a couple of days for interior painting, is open again, next to Speedy Mart ... **A bakery**, according to a current rumor, is planned for the space formerly occupied by Da Kine Grinds at Redwood Hwy./W. River St.

LAST WORDS - The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection. (Thomas Paine)

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Nicole Navarro

will be singing at The Strip
Monday night, 'Taco Night'
Sept. 20, 5 p.m. to ?

Nick Bjornstad 'inflamed' about job

By CHRISTINA HILL
Correspondent

For most people, a job is just a job.

It's only something to make ends meet, and it's definitely not something they're crazy about. But for one young Illinois Valley resident, Nick Bjornstad, his new job is what he's always wanted, he said. Even more ironic is the fact that he doesn't even get paid.

Bjornstad, who recently turned 18, spent his summer training at the Illinois Valley Fire Academy, presented by Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD). The intensive three-month training started in June and ended in August.

"They keep telling me that any person who isn't scared of fire is crazy, so I guess I'm crazy," he joked. "No, but really for training, you're standing next to a wall of flames, and that's your death, so it really wakes you up."

Bjornstad was only 17 while he was training. On Aug. 15, the night of his graduation from the Fire Academy, he turned 18 and also received something of timeless value.

Bill Hickerson, a retiring, veteran I.V. firefighter and longtime Illinois Valley resident, presented Bjornstad an ax, a very special tool. Hickerson served 22 years at Station 1 in Cave Junction. His father, also a firefighter, served 18 years in Seattle. Bill's father had given that ax to his son when he became a new recruit, and now he's passed it on to Bjornstad.

"I've left the valley,



Nick Bjornstad

and I think he has a lot of future ahead of him," said Hickerson. "Giving it to him is sort of like carrying on the tradition," Hickerson said.

Bjornstad was thrilled to have received such an honor, he said.

"I think he just saw something in me and knew I have what it takes, I guess," Bjornstad said. "That was pretty neat."

After graduating, Bjornstad is now qualified to be a volunteer firefighter with IVFD.

Although he's not being commissioned to fight fires, that doesn't stop him from serving just as hard as his fellow firefighters. Every Tuesday night, Bjornstad attends the state-mandated two-hour-long training class required for active firefighters.

This passion and dedication for firefighting is nothing new either.

"I've known Bill Hickerson and Phil Aria, another firefighter, for as long as I can remember, and they've always been involved with the fire district," said Bjornstad. "They were always asking me when I was going to join, and I just thought, 'That sounds like fun',"

determine their fate," adding:

"The city of Cave Junction is proud to join with the state of Oregon, the other states and the nation in honoring those still missing."

Faircloth encouraged all citizens to join the observance.

Sept. 17 'POW/MIA Day'

Friday, Sept. 17 will be "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in Cave Junction, Mayor Ed Faircloth proclaimed Monday night, Sept. 13 in city hall.

The proclamation by the mayor, a retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant, reads in part:

"More than 125,000 American men and women have been held captive by hostile powers during their military service.

"More than 88,000 Americans are still listed as missing and unaccounted for, and the families and friends of these missing Americans, as well as their fellow veterans, still endure uncertainty concerning their fate."

The mayor noted that, "The sacrifices of Americans still missing are deserving of national recognition and support for continuing priority efforts to

Bridge glue sticky scene on Holland's Sucker Creek

Josephine County Public Works (JCPW) will close Lower Sucker Creek Bridge, on Holland Loop, from 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 20 through 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 11.

The bridge is being closed so that an epoxy treatment can be applied to repair structural weaknesses. The repairs should allow the weight rating of the bridge to be raised from the current five tons to 20 tons.

JCPW will coordinate with Josephine County Sheriff's Office, American Medical Response and Illinois Valley Fire Dist. to minimize effects of the bridge closure to emergency response times.

For more information about the bridge closure contact JCPW at (541) 474-5460.

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- Will Rogers -

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Illinois Valley Housing Fair

Saturday, September 18
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Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 East River Street, Cave Junction

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