

Here, There & Everywhere

KIDS 'N' BUGS - The second annual Kids and Bugs event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at Grayback Campground on Sucker Creek. The event is designed to teach children how to collect and identify aquatic insects and their value in relation to the salmon life cycle and water quality. Sandals, old sneakers or waders are recommended. Bring a lunch. This is a free event for all ages, sponsored by the Rogue Basin Coordinating Council in conjunction with I.V. Watershed Council. Contact Kevin O'Brien at 592-3731 for more information.

IVHS OPEN HOUSE - Illinois Valley High School will have an open house on Monday, Sept. 27 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and classroom visitation at 6:20. Parents will have an opportunity to visit their children's classrooms for 10-minute periods. There are several competitions at the school related to parental attendance, and a door prize will be awarded at the end of the evening.

'SAVING REPUBLIC' - Guest speaker William N. Grigg, author and journalist, will speak about "helping save our middle class and restore our free republic" on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in Fruitdale Grange Hall, 1440 Parkdale Drive, Grants Pass.

HOPE FAIRE - The Hope Mountain Barter Faire is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-3. Day and vendor passes, and camping are available for a fee. The event will benefit Takilma Dome School. Also, the Faire is hosting workday parties to prepare for the event and needs help the weekend of Sept. 25 and 26. Phone 592-4458 to volunteer or for more information.

FLYERS EVENT - Radio-controlled planes will be the "buzz" at Josephine Sky Park, out Kerby Mainline Road on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the Rogue Valley Flyers will conduct the free event to allow attendees the chance to fly a radio-controlled model airplane.

HOLIDAY AWAY - Nine chances for a "Holiday Away From Home" are offered in a fund-raising raffle by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance. Lodging for two at locations including Oregon Caves Chateau, Country Hills Resort, Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino, Wolf Creek Inn, and Diamond Lake Resort are offered. There's also a guided Rogue River fishing trip for two. Tickets are available at The Book Exchange in Western Plaza, and Cabin Chemistry near Stevereno's Family Restaurant. The drawing will occur Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at The Selma Center following an alliance candlelight vigil.

NOTEPAD - An evening of poetry is scheduled at Blue Moon Café on Wednesday, Sept. 22 beginning at 7 p.m. ... **Perhaps blessings** from above showered on a CJ couple recently. They needed \$500 in connection with a new residence, and were concerned about coming up short. But at Shop Smart, after buying a Keno ticket sort of on a whim, they came away with \$465. They are grateful ... **Josephine County Master Gardener** winter hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Friday, Oct. 1 ... **Did you hear** about the Eskimos in a kayak who got so cold they built a fire inside the craft. Unfortunately the kayak sank, which goes to prove that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

LAST WORDS - Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something. (Plato)

Letters ...

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Nuremberg War Trials.)
 "You are either with us or you are with the terrorists." (President George W. Bush and other administration supporters on numerous occasions during the past three years, including the '04 RNC Convention.)

"This will be a monumental struggle of good vs. evil ... This crusade, this war on terrorism, is going to take a while." (President Bush, Sept. 12, 16, 2001.)

"I'm the commander, see; I don't need to explain; I do not need to explain why I say things. That's the interesting thing about being president. Maybe somebody needs to explain to me why they say something, but I don't feel like I owe anybody an explanation." (President Bush, Sept. 26, 2001 in "Bush at War" by Bob Woodward.)

"You can bomb the world to pieces, but you cannot bomb it into peace." (Michael Franti, musician.)

Two Italian women and two Iraqis, a woman and a man, all humanitarian aid workers, were kidnapped Sept. 7 from their office in Baghdad. Witnesses said that it did not appear to be the work of "insurgents," as the kidnapers were highly organized and had weapons unlike any of those of the local "insurgents." The Italians were outspoken against sanctions on Iraq and U.S. occupation.

Remember the four Maryknoll nuns who were brutally raped and murdered in Central America for their humanitarian help? Their assailants later were identified as graduates from The School of the Americas (aka The School of the Assassins) at the Army's Fort Benning in Georgia, which still exists. More information is available at freeourfriends.blogspot.com.

I also suggest FSTV (Free Speech TV) for news not brought by services owned by corporations with military contracts, etc. on dish channel 9415, "Democracy Now; direct TV channel 375 (Link TV); or go to democracy-now.org.

Selfishness personified From Ralph Casper Cave Junction

"I wish I had a Yamaha PSR 330 keyboard and some speakers; plus some other components.

"I know what I'll do, I will get together with my buddies and break into the Community Bible Church on the street behind Cave Junction Select Market; they have some there. I

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A demonstration of Fire Bloc shows how the product inhibits the spread of flames to structures even though other material is burning. (Photos provided)

Positive possibilities seen for Fire Bloc

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hours, he said.

At a cost of approximately \$41 a gallon, that's a huge savings over the loss of a home. His company also provides the special sprayer and mixer needed to use the product with a garden hose.

Bambrough said his company will provide the product free of charge to the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD). The only stipulation is that IVFD must allow his company to use photos demonstrating the product in action; for advertisements.

IVFD Chief Harry Rich said, "We're reviewing the Fire Bloc information provided the district. I told Bambrough the district would be glad to evaluate the product.

"I saw the video, and it looks pretty good. I'm excited about looking into it. We will reserve what we say about it until we use it through a fire season.

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- Sir Winston Churchill -

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For information phone 596-2023

To all Illinois Valley residents and others who have enjoyed swimming on our property on Rockydale Road. First, we would like to thank all the nice families. Young kids, people who bring their dogs and let them play and the other people who are kind enough to gather trash. Thank you...

Second, hats off to those who use our road as a party place and trash collection area. Thank you for throwing rocks at our employees, tearing down our signs, yelling, hand gestures... Thank you for blocking our road during business hours and then refusing to move so that our trucks can get by. We love the motorcycles and vehicles all over our rock products in the middle of the night keeping a lot of people awake at two in the morning. Guess what? People do live back here. It is a private road... **YOU HAVE BEEN OUR GUESTS at 1711 Rockydale Road for forty five years enjoying the nice swimming area. Thank you.**

The swimming season has come to a close and children have gone back to school. We are replacing all of our signs and a gate has been installed. The road is to be used for business customers and residents. As of September 15, 2004 any vehicle parked on our property will be towed at your expense. This is your legal notification. No trespassing.

It is with great sadness and expense we are forced to lock our road because of others. For those who will miss this swimming area, we are sorry. The bad apples spoiled forty five years of swimming for free at our place.

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