

Here, There & Everywhere

FIRE SPACE GRANT - Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) is seeking a grant to pay for defensible-space work for low-income elderly and disabled valley residents. IVFD needs 15 signatures of low-income residents to obtain grant approval. Contact De Spellman, fire prevention coordinator, at 592-2225. She will perform free defensible-space assessments for those eligible.

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL - Lorna Byrne Middle School will host two home games for girl's volleyball. The first is on Wednesday, Sept. 29 against Eagle Point at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 30 against South Middle School at 4:30 p.m.

SAFE HOUSE FUND-RAISER - "Holiday Away from Home" is the theme for Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance's 4th annual fund-raiser raffle drawing. It will be held Friday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at Selma Community & Education Center; following a candlelight vigil. There will be nine chances to win. Grand prize: a one-night stay for two at 7 Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort; first prize: Oregon Caves Chateau package (includes dinner); second prize: Wolf Creek Inn package (includes breakfast) and other prizes. Tickets can be obtained at The Book Exchange in Western Plaza, and Cabin Chemistry.

ST. PATRICK SALE - A rummage and bake sale will be held at St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church, 407 W. River St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2. There will be a bag sale from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

COIN CONJOIN - Grants Pass Caveman Coin Club is sponsoring the 39th annual Coin, Currency and Stamp Show at Josephine County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3. At least 25 major coin, currency and stamp dealers will be available to buy, sell and trade in gold and silver coins, currency, stamps and tokens. Show times are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Phone (541) 476-0629 for more information.

FERTILIZATION COURSE - Faculty from Oregon State University at Corvallis offers a two-part course discussing fertilizing pastures, orchards, row crops, and other plants found on small farms. It will be held on two Wednesdays, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at OSU Extension Service/Josephine County Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass. There is a fee. Pre-registration is required by Monday, Oct. 4. Phone (541) 476-6613.

POST DANCE - The first American Legion Glenn Morrison Post 70 -sponsored dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. at Junction Inn. There is a cover charge, with proceeds to benefit scholarship funds. Persons must be at least 21 to enter. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Contact Chuck Peterson at 592-4938 for more information.

NOTEPAD - Fire Mountain Gems, owned by Illinois Valley residents Stuart and Chris Freedman, was named Goodwill's 2002 Business Partner of the Year. Goodwill performs regular contract work for the company in its Medford facility ... **Turkey bingo**, sponsored by Cave Junction Lions Club, is set for Nov. 13. Watch for details in the "Noose" ... **Restless Leg Syndrome** support group will meet Saturday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass. Phone 955-5419 for more information ... **Regarding the movie**, "The Passion," have you read the book? ... **Did you hear** about the two newspaper editors in a kayak who got so cold that they built a fire inside it? Unfortunately, the craft sank, which goes to prove that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

LAST WORDS - A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both. (President Dwight D. Eisenhower)

Letters ...

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of rats -- the Democrat.

And I approve this message.

Eskimo 'offended'
From Amy Machado O'Brien

I read with dismay your "Here, There and Everywhere" column of Sept. 22.

Amazingly, in this time of our so-called enlightened society, you chose to use cheap ethnic humor that, in my opinion, was in poor taste. Yes, I am an Eskimo, and I was offended by your stereotypical characterization of my race.

We live in a world filled with ethnic, religious and political strife. This causes enough fear and anger among so many people. Would it be so much to ask that we restrain ourselves from disparaging our own?

I know that many may think this is an overreaction on my part, but I don't believe you would ever consider using African American, Latino or Asian references. Why would other ethnic slurs be considered acceptable?

We can always use a good laugh, but not at the expense of any ethnic minority.

Bush smoke
From Pamela Tenny Selma

We have a clear choice in this election.

George W. Bush stayed out of the Vietnam War, used his father's influence, and joined the National Guard. Despite the controversy about authenticity of documents, it seems clear that he did not serve honorably in that organization. This comes up whenever he runs for office -- where there's smoke, there's fire.

John Kerry volunteered to go to Vietnam and was a frequently decorated war hero. When he came home, he spoke his conscience and, because of what he knew first-hand, worked to end the war.

If the moral character of our president is important to you, then vote for John Kerry.

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Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more.
- Mark Twain -

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.
- Mark Twain -



Jerry Schaeffer, Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) fire marshal and De Spellman, IVFD fire prevention coordinator, with district mascots 'Sparky' (left) and 'Cinder.' (Photo by Shane Welsh)

'Hazard House' teaches fire safety

By SHANE WELSH
Staff Writer

Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) has purchased a "Hazard House" to help teach children the importance of general safety awareness.

Jerry Schaeffer, IVFD fire marshal, recently purchased the model house, which is designed for demonstrating multiple hazards and solutions in everyday living environments.

Developed by a company called Model Tech, in Quebec, Canada, the model has many accessories that can be easily added for a variety of presentations. There are more than 50 scenes included on panels that depict different hazard scenarios and their solutions.

Using a small control panel, the demonstrator can reproduce hazards inside and outside the home while discussing the cause and solution. The house has everything from a child in a tub using a radio, to a man sleeping in his recliner in the living room

with a lit cigar.

"The Hazard House is an interactive unit that you can take to classes and talk to children about a multitude of different hazards," said Schaeffer. "We can cover rural hazards, swimming safety, fire safety, power line safety, and safety within the home and outside it," he said.

"It has the ability to keep their attention by using actual smoke and electrical sparking, which tends to keep their interest up," he said. "It makes a really interesting presentation which you can do in about half an hour."

The district first demonstrated the home during the Illinois Valley Lions Labor Day Festival at Jubilee Park.

"We got a great response from it," said Schaeffer. "De told me, (De Spellman, IVFD fire prevention coordinator), that one of the little girls that she walked through the program went home with her mom and went all through the house and

picked out all the hazards.

"She made her house safe. Every one of these kids that we get to do that will be a big help to the valley," he said.

The \$7,000 house was purchased by Schaeffer using funds obtained from an Assistance to Firefighters grant established in 2002. IVFD volunteers donated \$500, from money obtained through fund-raisers, to help the district meet a 10 percent grant match requirement. The district paid the remainder of the balance.

A report by the Dept. of Homeland Security noted that approximately 8,000 awards worth nearly \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters will be given to fire agencies throughout the country during 2004.

In Oregon, \$93,871 has been distributed to various departments and districts this year.

To schedule a class or group demonstration phone Schaeffer or Spellman at IVFD at 592-2225.

Two Week BULK FOOD SALE

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Be careful about reading health books.
You may die of a misprint.
- Mark Twain -

IVCRT Meeting Schedule

Making Things Happen!

Day	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Thurs	10/7	Workshop	7:00-9:00PM	County Bldg.
Tues	10/12	Executive Comm.	5:30-6:30PM	IVCRT
Wed	10/13	Social Ventures	5:30-6:30PM	IVCRT
Mon	10/18	Community Relations	5:30-6:30PM	IVCRT
Thurs	10/21	Board Meeting	7:00-9:00PM	County Bldg.
Tue	10/26	Projects & Programs	5:30-7:00PM	IVCRT