

O'Brien Country Store ...



GARY MOORE
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to the modern, above-ground pumps and moved them to where they are now," said Moore, on the south side of the property. Besides selling fuel, shoppers can find just about everything they need, from ice cream and beverages to tourism items, snacks and some light hardware. One popular item consists of "O'Brien Country Store" T-shirts and sweat-shirts, although the latter aren't in stock now. Moore said that he's received requests from out-of-state people wanting to buy shirts -- especially from people whose last name is O'Brien. And the store features deli sandwiches, and Taylor Dogs also are available. Moore is originally from Southern California and moved to Illinois Valley

from the San Francisco Bay Area. He moved for a couple of reasons, he said. "For one, I bought the store; and two, I liked the cleaner air and water and the population growth," Moore explained. "I could have bought a store anywhere in the country, but I just really liked this area," he said. Moore describes the business as being "kind of a combination store." "It's a store for our locals," he said. "We have very decent prices for our locals, but then we also pick up all the (visitor) traffic, which usually doubles during the summer time." When he's not busy running the store, Moore "takes each day one at a time" and enjoys his family, devoting his attention to four children and nine grandchildren. Also during his store career, he could be found across the street at Fire Station 3, where he served as an Illinois Valley Fire District volunteer firefighter for a total of about eight years. Winter hours for O'Brien Country Store are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 596-2555.

Alcohol, gas not good mix, says sheriff

With arrival of the holiday season, a reminder about the hazards of drinking and driving is issued by Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel. "The holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy the company of family and friends," said Daniel. "The men and women of the sheriff's office hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday season," he said, "but we do not want to meet you because of an accident involving drinking and driving. "Each year," said the sheriff, "thousands of people die or are injured as a result of driving under the influence of alcohol, some of them in our county. "The consequences also include arrests, fines and incarceration. "For everyone's sake," said Daniel, "please do not drink and drive. "Stay safe out there."

Gunman gets cash, smokes

A young skinny man wearing a blue bandanna as a mask below his eyes used a handgun to hold up a Grants Pass business. Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS) also said that cash and Marlboro cigarettes were taken Sunday, Nov. 21 at 9:22 p.m. The store involved, Quick Mart, is at 556 S.W. "G" St. The suspect is described as a white male adult, approximately 20 years old, skinny and weighing around 135 pounds. He was wearing a black stocking cap with a blue bandanna below it; and a black T-shirt with a long-sleeved white T-shirt under it. He was armed with a silver-and-black handgun. The man fled on foot and was not located, despite efforts by GPDPS officers including K-9 "Daum."

Obituaries

'Bill' Groth

A memorial service for Salem resident William K. "Bill" Groth, 74, who died Nov. 8, 2004, was held Sunday, Nov. 21 at Salem Masonic Lodge. Mr. Groth was born in Charter Oak, Iowa. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS "Cimarron." He retired as an electrical inspector for the city of Salem in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Lee; a son, Carl Groth, of Selma in Illinois Valley; a daughter, Jeanette Larson, of Longmont, Colo.; a stepson, Steve Valenzuela, of Salem; a sister, Bonnie Kelm, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and four grandchildren. Friends wishing more information can phone Lee Groth at (503) 363-5231.

Lewis Shafer

Visitation was held and the Rosary recited Friday, Nov. 19 at Illinois Valley Funeral Home for Cave Junction resident Lewis Eugene Shafer, 78, who died at home Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004. A Mass for Mr. Shafer was celebrated Saturday, Nov. 20 at St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church in Cave Junction by Father Harry Holwell. Interment followed at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction. Mr. Shafer was born April 11, 1926 in Austin, Texas. He was retired from electronics repair work, and moved to Illinois Valley in 1993 from Chico, Calif. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Patrick Catholic Church, and Illi-

nois Valley Senior Center. Mr. Shafer is survived by his wife, Patricia Shafer, of Cave Junction; three sons, David W. Shafer, of Mokelumne, Calif., Brian L. Shafer, of Vacaville, Calif., and John W. Shafer, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; three daughters, Deborah L. Rugg, of Cave Junction, Julie A. Staley, of Anderson, Calif., and Mary P. Acala, of Sacramento; a sister, Betty Lawson, of Austin; 28 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Ivan D. Smith

Kerby resident Ivan Donald Smith, 47, died Nov. 8, 2004 at Mercy Hospital in Roseburg following a logging accident. A memorial service was held Sunday, Nov. 14 at Illinois Valley Funeral Chapel in Cave Junction. The officiant was Pastor Dan Robinson, of Takilma Bible Church. Mr. Smith was born in Tillamook, Ore. on Sept. 29, 1957. He was raised in Illinois Valley, where spent most of his life. He was employed as a choker setter in the logging industry.

Ellen P. O'Sullivan

Ellen Philomena O'Sullivan, 78, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004 at her home. Arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

New RCC system for IDs

To help maintain "social security," Rogue Community College is changing to a new student identification numbering system. It is designed to minimize exposure of students' Social Security numbers and to provide better protection against identity theft. "We are still asking students to provide Social Security numbers when they register," explained Claudia Sullivan, director of Enrollment Services. "However, those numbers will no longer be the students' primary identifier." Instead, a seven-digit number will be assigned. Students cannot pick their

numbers, Sullivan added, but they will be able to modify their passwords. Current students, as well as those enrolled within the past year, will receive letters notifying them of the change. Preparations are under way to make the change this month, Sullivan said, when network systems will be down. Staff members will also be assigned new ID numbers for intracollege functions. Sullivan has been working to inform staff that this change is coming and head off potential problems. "Anytime you make a major system modification you encounter the unanticipated," Sullivan said.

Thanksgiving Buffet

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday, November 25

River Valley
Restaurant
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The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce is grateful to the buyers, helpers and donors for its successful auction Friday evening, Nov. 19 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

'Good Job' awards to:

- * Jim Frick, auctioneer
- * Dennis Strayer, assistant
- * Anna Swett, Kendell Phillips and Annie Pinios, clerks
- * Wild River and Bridgeview Winery for the beer & wine tasting
- * Southern Oregon Sanitation
- * Just For the Birds
- * Oregon Caves Chevron
- * I.V. Little League
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- * Eye Care Group
- * Kerbyville Museum
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- * Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.
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- * Caves Pharmacy
- * Bobbie's World
- * Taylor's Sausage Country Store
- * Taylor's Sausage Bulk Plant
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- * 'Illinois Valley News'
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- * Rachel Goodman, LMT
- * First American Title Co.

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