

Here, There & Everywhere

JUST FOR PETS - To celebrate his seventh birthday, "Skidmark" the wonder wiener dog at Crossroads Animal Hospital in Cave Junction, will hold an open house with refreshments and door prizes on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition, Andy Mechling will take professional pet photos for a fee. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue.

DOMES BAZAAR - Handcrafted items and food will be among features at the Dome School Winter Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5. Hours Saturday will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The nonprofit school is located at 9367 Takilma Road. There will be a breakfast with tostadas, soup, desserts and beverages. Other attractions will be a raffle, children's activities and live entertainment.

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS - A free workshop to help participants enjoy the holiday season more fully will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition Center on E. River Street. Dr. Dorothea Hover-Kramer, a licensed psychologist and clinical nurse specialist, will teach participants how to spot self-defeating cultural holiday patterns; how to know when they're causing themselves stress; how to eliminate negative self-talk, how to create a more loving, genuine holiday period; and how to release unwanted stress quickly and effectively. Refreshments will be served. Phone 592-6139, Ext. 303 for more information.

HIGHER ED INFO - Three separate sessions for parents of high school students to gain information about colleges, community colleges; and technical, vocational and private career schools will be held at Illinois Valley High School. Parents can attend any one of the sessions, which all will begin at 7 p.m.: Wednesday, Dec. 8; Thursday, Dec. 9; or Wednesday, Dec. 15. For more information phone Alan Crews in the counseling office at 592-2116, Ext. 213.

LIGHT UP A LIFE - Music and inspirational readings, plus a recitation noting loved ones who have died, will be parts of the annual Light Up A Life Celebration in Cave Junction through Lovejoy Hospice. The observance will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. in Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St. in Cave Junction, across from Shop Smart. The gathering, with a special commemorative memory tree, also will include miniature angels for those meeting to remember the people who have been special in their lives.

YULE TUNES - Free and public Christmas concerts will be presented by music students at Lorna Byrne Middle School and Illinois Valley High School on Thursdays, Dec. 9 and 16 respectively. T. Lund, who will retire Dec. 31, will direct his pupils. Watch the "Noose" for details of the concerts showcasing students' musical talents.

NOTEPAD - Illinois River Valley Arts Council will meet Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Creative Space, upstairs from Blue Moon Café ... **Free gun locks** provided by Project Child Safe, are available from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office Substation in Cave Junction, said Sheriff Dave Daniel. "Protect yourself and your family from a tragic accident by securely storing your firearms," said Daniel ... **"Daum,"** the first K-9 officer in the Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety, had to be put to sleep after a previously unknown intestinal tract problem surfaced in an emergency medical situation on Saturday, Nov. 27. At his passing the highly recognized German shepherd was surrounded by loved ones including his partner, Officer Jeff Gaunt ... **Pearl Harbor Day** will be observed Tuesday, Dec. 7, although the "Noose" wasn't notified of any special ceremonies here ... **Bumper sticker:** Helicopter pilots don't fly. They beat the air into submission ... **Another bumper sticker:** Don't believe everything you think ... **T-shirt:** The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has limits.

LAST WORDS - Tap into people's dignity, and they will do anything for you. Ignore it, and they won't lift a finger. (Thomas Friedman)



WALL FIRE - Illinois Valley firefighters responded to a smoke-filled mobile home at 701 Caves Hwy. behind fire station 1 Monday afternoon, Nov. 29. They found that an apparently faulty electrical outlet had caused a fire inside a wall. No injuries were reported.

Biscuit cash looks short ...

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to earn the government approximately \$13 million.

But the total probably will prove to be closer to \$9 million.

National forest officials estimated that one of every three trees they planned to sell would decay so much that it would not be worth cutting, and survey teams are finding this to be true.

"Overall it's going to be less than we predicted," said Tom Link, salvage project manager.

The forest service used new Bush Administration rules in hopes of accelerating cutting of Biscuit timber before it lost value. But the process has been slow, and lawsuits have stalled logging in older forest reserves set aside for wildlife.

Crews planning timber sales also have begun passing over stands where com-

mercial value is marginal.

Federal figures show that by 2006, logging would cost more than it's worth.

Activists caused an atmosphere in which timely logging was nearly impossible because of their opposition and threats of legal action, according to Chris West, of the American Forest Resource Council.

"Their goal in life is to obstruct," he said. "The simple fact is, if we'd jumped on it early, we would have had more money to do that restoration that would have benefited wildlife and the communities."

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) has threatened to introduce legislation to keep lawsuits from holding up logging.

But even if he does, officials have at most one more year to sell the timber killed by the fire.

Strategies for improving 'Blue Holidays' Dec. 13

A free, public program on "Blue Holidays, Grief and Loss Survival Strategies for the Winter Holidays" will be presented Monday, Dec. 13 by Joe Momyer, bereavement counselor for Lovejoy Hospice, and other bereavement team members.

The program will be held at Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass, in the conference room from noon until 1 p.m.

At this time, the bereavement counselor will offer information and suggestions for coping with the holiday activities and expectations for those experiencing grief and the loss of a

loved one.

Anyone can attend, including supervisors, caregivers, counselors, and members of clergy. Family members are especially encouraged to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Beverages and a dessert will be provided. Phone 474-1193 to register and for further information.

"Holidays can be tough times. Everyone around you seems so happy and content," said Momyer, "It's hard enough to copy during the routine times, but during holidays it seems that the outside world and our own memories gang up on us."

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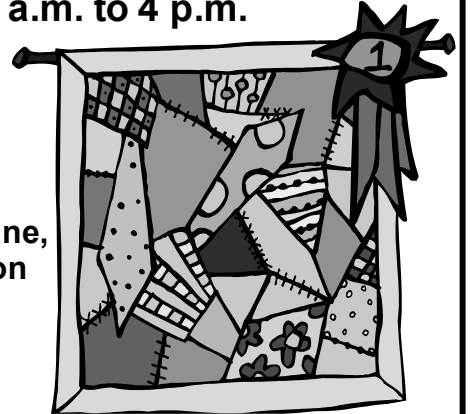
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Christmas is coming and Winter is here! Time for a llama felt hat from Forest Edge Farm



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